

BIRDS



American Woodcock (*Scolopax minor*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: The American Woodcock is fairly common throughout the state, though declines have been measured regionally in the central U.S. in the latter half of the 20th century.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: idle/old field; hayland; pasture; row crop; lowland shrub; upland shrub; lowland hardwood; mesic hardwood; dry hardwood; lowland conifer; forest opening; river/stream/riparian/floodplain corridor; edge; late successional forest; down woody debris

ASSOCIATED THREATS: conversion to agriculture lands; altered fire regime; grazing & mowing patterns; incompatible natural resource mgmt; industrial/residential/recreational development; urban, municipal, and industrial pollution

COMMENTS: The Woodcock is an important game species in the State and is a vital component of early successional habitat. A shift away from forest management for aspen and increasing development of forested features hinders Woodcock population growth.