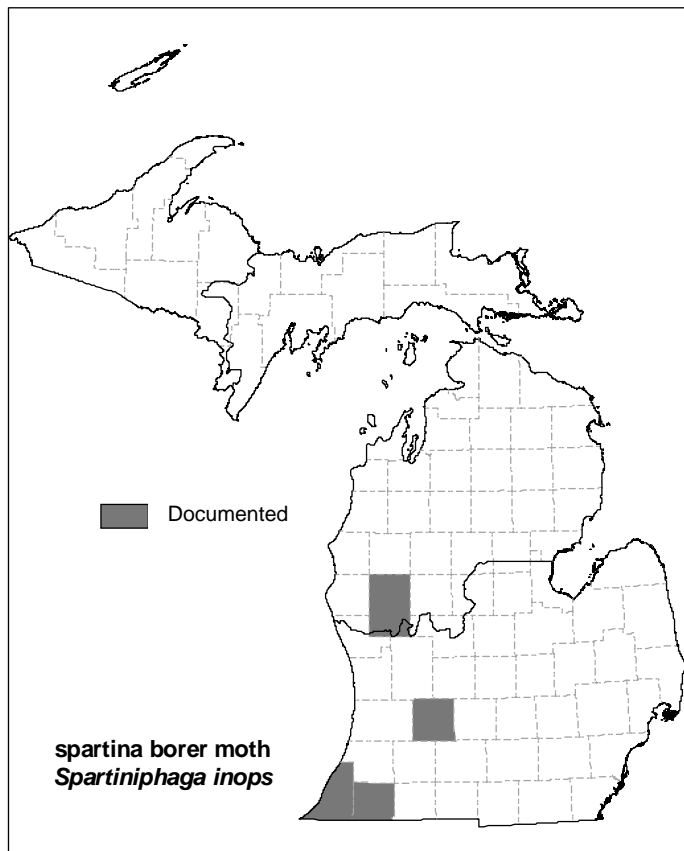


INSECTS



spartina borer moth (*Spartiniphaga inops*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: State listed as special concern. This species is extremely rare and is considered imperiled or critically imperiled in the State. This species may be imperiled across its range.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: prairie; inland emergent wetland

ASSOCIATED THREATS: conversion to agriculture lands; altered fire regime; fragmentation; incompatible natural resource mgmt; invasive plants & animals; lack of scientific knowledge

COMMENTS: Need surveys to assess abundance and distribution; need information on life history and ecology; need to assess threats. Protection and recovery efforts need to address declines in host plant, prairie cord-grass, *Spartina pectinata*. Displacement of host plant populations by *Phragmites* sp. invasion is a significant risk to the species. Prescribed fire is an important management tool, but care should be taken to ensure that occupied areas are only partially burned.