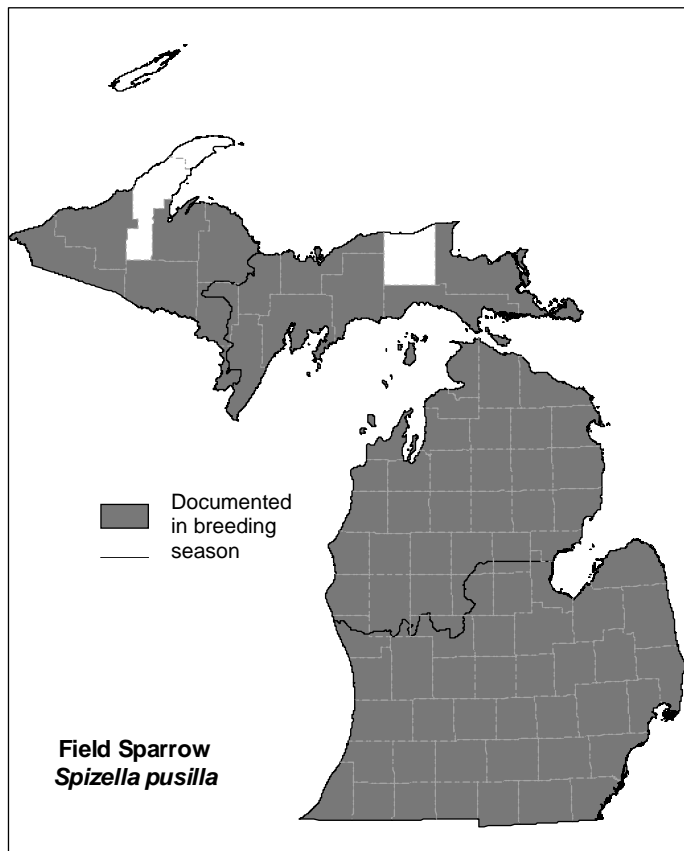


BIRDS



Field Sparrow

(*Spizella pusilla*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: The abundance of the Field Sparrow probably increased during settlement and the clearing of forest in the Lower Peninsula. Though there are indications of population declines, it is abundant throughout the Lower Peninsula.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: prairie; idle/old field; right-of-way; fence row; savanna; upland shrub; forest opening; edge

ASSOCIATED THREATS: altered fire regime; grazing & mowing patterns; industrial/residential/recreational development; invasive plants & animals; other biological interactions (nest predation by snakes, mammals, and birds)

COMMENTS: Nest parasitism by Cowbirds (*Molothrus ater*) may be significant.