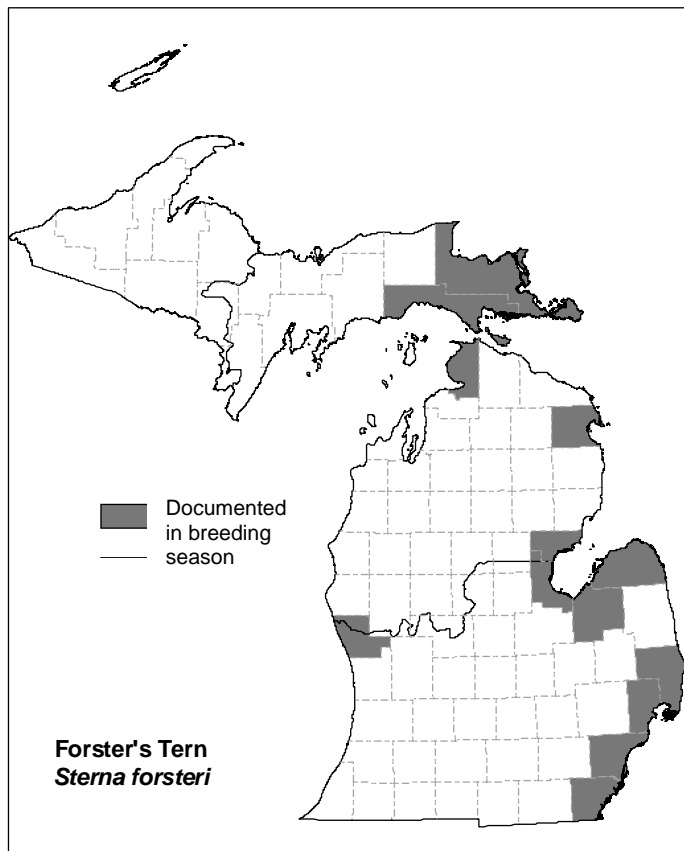


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Forster's Tern (*Sterna forsteri*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Forster's Tern is uncommon in the State, with its highest densities along the shores of Lake Huron and Lake St. Clair. Surveys in the mid-1980s yielded nest counts ranging from 100 to 850 from these areas. Scattered colonies may also be found along the shore of Lake Erie, along the eastern end of the Upper Peninsula, and on Bois Blanc Island. Forster's Tern is listed as a species of special concern.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: inland emergent wetland; inland lake; inland island; river/stream/riparian/floodplain corridor; coastal emergent wetland; Great Lakes island

ASSOCIATED THREATS: dams; industrial/residential/recreational development; non-consumptive recreation; urban, municipal, and industrial pollution

COMMENTS: Recreational boating wakes may have a detrimental impact on aquatic vegetation which is used for nesting.