

BIRDS



Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: The Eastern Meadowlark is abundant throughout the Lower Peninsula and may regularly be found across the Upper Peninsula where suitable habitat exists. BBS data indicate a declining population trend.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: prairie; idle/old field; hayland; pasture; right-of-way; fence row; inland emergent wetland; river/stream/riparian/floodplain corridor; coastal emergent wetland; coastal dune/beach

ASSOCIATED THREATS: altered fire regime; fragmentation; grazing & mowing patterns; invasive plants & animals; other biological interactions (predation by mammals and snakes); pesticides & herbicides

COMMENTS: Nest parasitism by Cowbirds (*Molothrus ater*) and predation by domesticated dogs and cats may be significant.