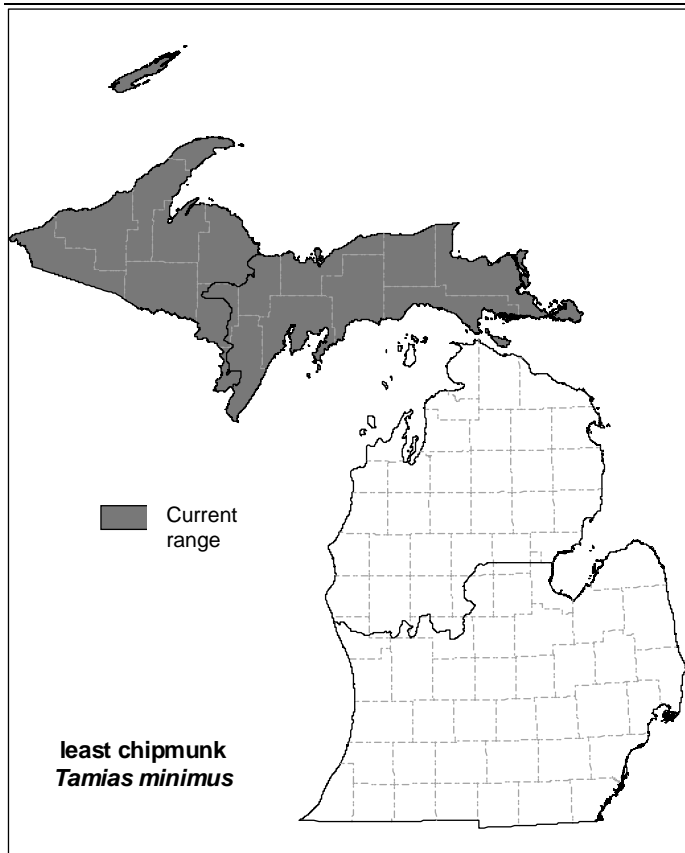


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least chipmunk (*Tamias minimus*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Least chipmunks are somewhat common across the Upper Peninsula though some evidence exists that their range may be constricting northward.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: savanna; lowland hardwood; mesic hardwood; dry hardwood; lowland conifer; mesic conifer; dry conifer; forest opening; swamp; inland lake; river/stream/riparian/floodplain corridor; edge; inland rock/cliff/ledge; other (clear-cut); down woody debris

ASSOCIATED THREATS: climate change; invasive plants & animals; lack of scientific knowledge; unknown.

COMMENTS: Potential range constriction to the north may be the result of climate change. Because this species readily utilizes clearcuts, a decline may reflect a decrease in edge habitat or clearcuts. House cats (including feral cats) and dogs may pose a significant threat to this species. An increase in abundance of the Eastern chipmunk, potentially due to temperature increase, may result in increased competition and population declines for least chipmunks. A threats assessment is needed for this species.