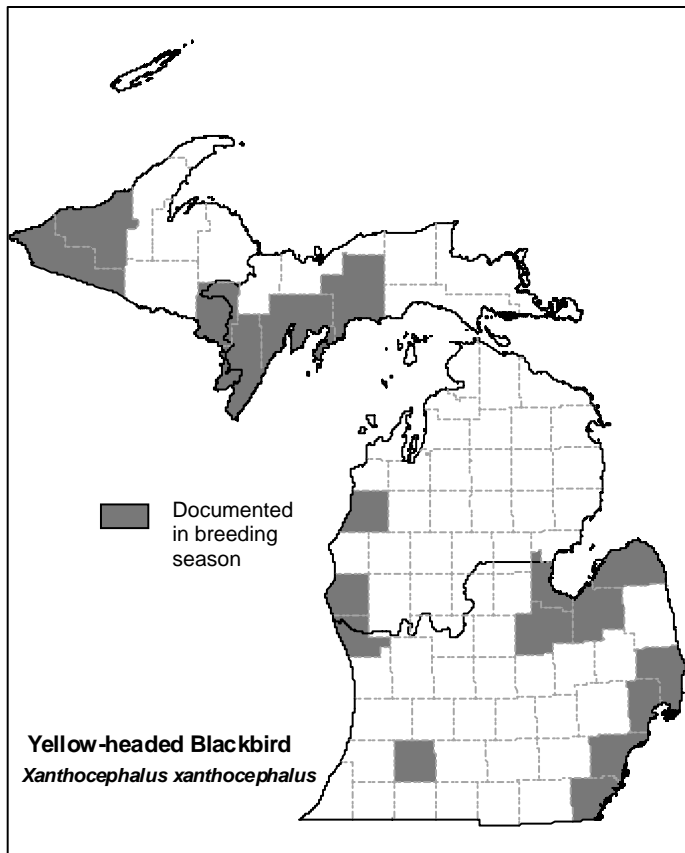


BIRDS



Yellow-headed Blackbird

(Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Designated as a species of special concern, the Yellow-headed Blackbird likely expanded its range into Michigan at the end of the 19th century. It is now found in a few scattered locations within the State, mostly along the Great Lakes shoreline or large inland wetland complexes, though it is nowhere common.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: inland emergent wetland; submergent wetland; pond; coastal emergent wetland

ASSOCIATED THREATS: altered hydrologic regimes; industrial/ residential/recreational development; wetland modifications

COMMENTS: Succession toward closed marsh communities reduces available breeding habitat.