

B. RARE SPECIES INVENTORY

Adapted to these different plant communities and utilizing various habitats are the following species. The species listed here are those classified as endangered or threatened at either the state or federal level, and species of concern listed at the state level.

1. Butterflies:

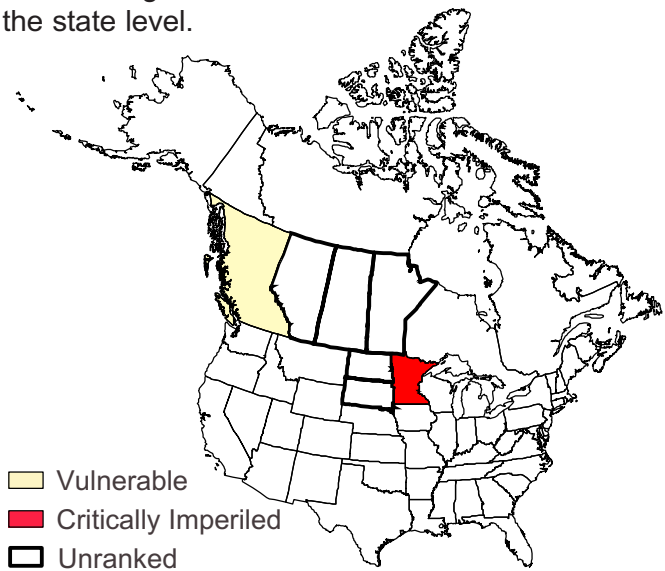


Figure 12: Photograph of Uhler's Arctic (MN DNR) and distribution map (NatureServe, modified per communication with Robert Dana, DNR)

Uhler's arctic (*Oeneis uhleri varuna*) is a state endangered species adapted to dry prairie. Very little is known about the life cycle of this species. The adults fly and breed in late spring (late May to early June) and the larvae likely feed on grasses and sedges (MN DNR, 1985). Minnesota is the only state with documentation of the species and Felton Prairie is the only documented population in the state. The remainder of its documented range is in Canada (NatureServe, 2001).

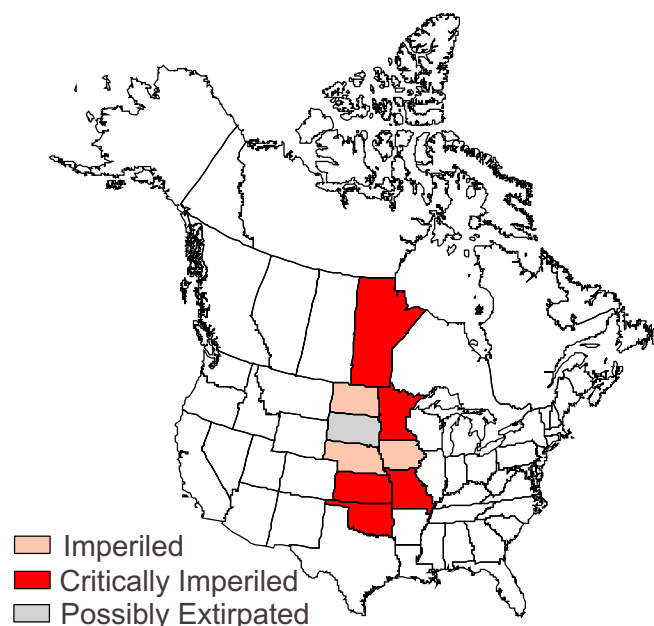


Figure 13: Photograph (MN DNR) and distribution map (NatureServe) of Assiniboia skipper

Assiniboia skipper (*Hesperia comma assiniboia*) is also on the state endangered species list. The adults fly and breed in late summer (mid August to early September) and they hibernate in an early larval or pupae stage. They also feed on grasses and possibly sedges but appear to prefer very dry sites (NatureServe, 2001).