

HUNGERFORD'S CRAWLING WATER BEETLE SURVEY AND RELOCATION PROTOCOL (OCTOBER 2023)

Purpose

This document provides background and guidance for conducting surveys for Hungerford's crawling water beetle (*Brychius hungerfordi*; HCWB) throughout its Michigan range. HCWB is a federally endangered species (59 FR 10580). The objective of these guidelines is to establish, with a reasonable level of confidence, whether HCWB is present in a proposed project area and/or to document status of known sites. Accurate survey data are needed to provide the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) with sufficient information to assess the effects of certain activities and ensure compliance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA). In addition, survey data will support an accurate assessment of the species' status. These guidelines also describe relocation procedures to follow when projects may result in short term adverse effects to HCWB.

To conduct surveys for HCWB in accordance with these guidelines, the surveyor must contact the Service and may need to obtain a permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources should also be contacted to determine whether a state permit is needed under Part 365, Endangered and Threatened Species, of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (1994 PA 451).

This document is designed to assist researchers studying HCWB and to assist projects with a federal nexus (funded, authorized, or carried out by a federal agency) gain information to reach a determination for HCWB under section 7 of the ESA. Projects without a federal nexus are also welcome to use this guidance. Under section 7 of the ESA, if the project proponent believes that HCWB will not be exposed to any consequence of the action, then a no effect determination would be appropriate for HCWB. No consultation is required for projects with no effects to listed species or critical habitat, and the Service does not provide written concurrence for no effect determinations. Project proponents do not need to conduct a survey to make a no effect determination, though the Service recommends habitat assessments or HCWB surveys are conducted in [streams that may contain suitable habitat](#). More information about section 7 project review can be found on the [Midwest Region Section 7\(a\)\(2\) Technical Assistance Website](#).

Background

General Description of HCWB Habitat

In general, HCWB occurs in areas of perennial streams characterized by cool temperatures (during summer months, June through August, typically 12° C to 25° C), moderate to fast stream flow (typically 3 to 20 cfs), good stream aeration, and alkaline water conditions (pH typically 7.2 to 8.5) (Wilsmann and Strand 1990, Service unpublished data 2002-2022). Stream substrate typically consists of cobble, gravel, rocks, or woody debris with sand, and adult beetles are generally found at depths of a few inches to a few feet (Wilsmann and Strand 1990; Service unpublished data 2002-2022). Populations of HCWB are often found downstream from culverts, beaver and natural debris dams, and human-made impoundments. They are often found in plunge

pools created below these structures, as well as in riffles and other well-aerated sections of the stream.

The hydrology of a site appears to be important for this species. HCWB seems to prefer seasonal streams that have some groundwater input. These streams do not dry up completely, but the water level can drop considerably (e.g., several feet in the East Branch of the Maple River) (Vande Kopple and Grant 2004). As the water levels drop, damp river-edge sand becomes exposed in the summer and fall (Vande Kopple and Grant 2004). This microhabitat may be important for the pupation stage of the beetle's life cycle.

Presence of filamentous green algae appears to be important in determining suitable habitat for the species. Both adults and larvae are commonly found in association with several species of algae. Adults appear to be generalists in their food choice, feeding on algae including *Chara*, *Cladophora*, and *Dichotomosiphon*, and as well as the epiphytic diatom *Cocconeis* (Grant and Vande Kopple 2009). The diet of adults may also change seasonally (Grant and Vande Kopple 2003). Larvae appear to prefer the algae *Dichotomosiphon tuberosus* (Grant and Vande Kopple 2009). *Dichotomosiphon*, although widespread, is not common. Its presence may be an important factor in determining the distribution of HCWB (Grant and Vande Kopple 2009). Not only is it a possible source of food, but algae may also be important for other reasons (e.g., cover, oxygen source, etc.).

In the best studied population in the East Branch of the Maple River, adult HCWB can be found in two different microhabitats—in cobble near the edge of pools, or in association with filamentous algae in riffles (Scholtens 2002). The first microhabitat is characterized by low flows, with filamentous green algae growing on the cobbles in low mats. Most individuals in the East Branch of the Maple River occur in this type of microhabitat. Beetles occur under the cobbles and are not visible from above without moving the cobbles. In the second microhabitat, beetles occur in algal beds that are found on sandy areas immediately downstream of *Chara* beds (which are indicative of groundwater inputs). Beetles at these sites apparently live in and on the algal beds, rather than under the cobbles, and can be observed from above on the algae or sand surface. Algae found in these areas include *Chara*, *Cladophora*, and *Dichotomosiphon*. Observers using a diving mask or glass-bottomed bucket can occasionally view beetles in this type of habitat. Relatively few individuals are seen in this type of microhabitat, and numbers at these microsites are generally low (Scholtens 2002). [Example photos of HCWB habitat](#) are available in this document, though HCWB are also found in habitat that is not pictured.

Description of HCWB

HCWB is a member of the Haliplidae family. All members of the Haliplidae (collectively known as haliplids) are aquatic, with all active life history stages spent in water (Pennak 1953, Roughley and Larson 1991). Adults are small (3-5 mm) in length. Haliplids are distinguished from other families by hind coxal plates that meet along the midline and completely cover 2 or 3 basal abdominal segments, concealing the base of the hind legs (Merritt et al. 2019). The expanded hind coxal plates function to store air under the elytra. The Haliplidae includes three genera in North America—*Brychius*, *Haliplus*, and *Peltodytes*. The keys in *An Introduction to the Aquatic Insects of North America* (Merritt et al. 2019) are highly recommended for identifying aquatic

beetles and the adults and larvae of Haliplidae. An [identification sheet for HCWB](#) is included in this document, which can be printed and laminated for use in the field.

Adult HCWBs are small, with an average body length of 3.8-4.3 mm. They have a distinctive elongated and streamlined body shape, adapted for swimming or crawling in water (Holmen 1987). They are yellowish-brown in color with irregular dark markings and longitudinal stripes on the elytra (hardened outer wings), each of which is comprised of a series of fine, closely spaced and darkly pigmented indentations. HCWB larvae are light yellowish brown with cylindrical bodies that taper to a hooked tail. They are stiff-bodied and possess short legs with five-segments and single tarsal hooks (Strand 1989).

Distribution of HCWB

HCWB is known to occur in 13 streams range-wide: 11 streams in northern Michigan and 2 streams in Ontario, Canada. In Michigan, HCWB is known to occur in the East Branch of Maple River and Carp Lake River in Emmet County; East Branch of Black River, Van Hetton Creek (also known as Van Hellon and Van Helen Creek), and Stewart Creek in Montmorency County; Canada Creek in Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties; Mullet Creek in Cheboygan County; North Branch of Boyne River in Charlevoix County; Middle Branch of Big Creek and an unnamed tributary of East Branch Big Creek in Oscoda County; and Portage Creek in Kalkaska County (Figure 1). In Ontario, Canada, HCWB is known to occur in the Rankin River and Saugeen River. It was previously found in the North Saugeen River, but now appears to be extirpated from this stream, and has not been detected there since 2001 (COSEWIC 2011). It is unknown whether HCWB has a wider distribution or if the species' status is stable, increasing or decreasing. Species of *Brychius* tend to be highly localized and difficult to collect. Even when present, it is possible to sample an area and collect no specimens (Mousseau 2004; Grant et al. 2011).

Additional surveys are necessary to determine the extent of HCWB's distribution. There is reason to believe HCWB may be more widely distributed than the streams where it has been previously documented. The types of streams inhabited by this species do not appear to be rare. In fact, streams similar to those in which the species is found appear to be common in northern Michigan and other surrounding states. Discoveries since the listing of the species in 1994 expand the species range outside of the Port Huron moraine, which may have implications for its historical biogeography. Previous survey efforts have been primarily limited to northern Michigan within the Port Huron moraine (Vande Kopple pers. comm. 2018).

In addition, the species may occupy a wider range of suitable habitat than we currently understand. The distribution of the species prior to its discovery in 1952 is not known. To determine the historical distribution, collections were examined for HCWB specimens (Mousseau 2004), leading to discovery of HCWB specimens collected in St. Clair County, MI. The St. Clair County record is that of two HCWB larvae which were collected in the St. Clair River in 1983 by Pat Hudson (Hudson et al. 1986) and were confirmed as HCWB (R. Roughley, pers. comm., 2004). This record is curious because the St. Clair River is dissimilar to known sites and would not be classified as suitable habitat based on our current understanding of the species. Survey attempts in 2002 were unsuccessful in locating HCWB larvae in the St. Clair

River (P. Hudson, Great Lakes Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, pers. comm., 2002). It is possible that these individuals washed downstream and did not reflect a resident population of HCWB. A few of the sites with known populations have less typical habitat. For example, habitat at Van Hetton Creek is atypical compared to other previously known locations, and the creek channel is composed of sand overlain with a thin layer of detritus (Grant et al. 2000). Typically, higher silt loads eliminate algae and makes a site unsuitable. The East Branch of the Black River site is the most atypical of all Michigan sites. It is much deeper, faster, and wider than the other sites (R. Strand, pers. comm., 2003). In April 2011, a larva was collected from the North Branch Boyne River. Given the colder typical water temperatures of the North Branch Boyne River compared to the optimal temperatures for HCWB, it is likely that this river supports only small numbers of HCWB (Grant et al. 2011). Additional surveys are needed to determine the extent of occupancy in this stream and surrounding areas and should target areas wherever the water is slightly warmer and where *Dichotomosiphon* beds are found.

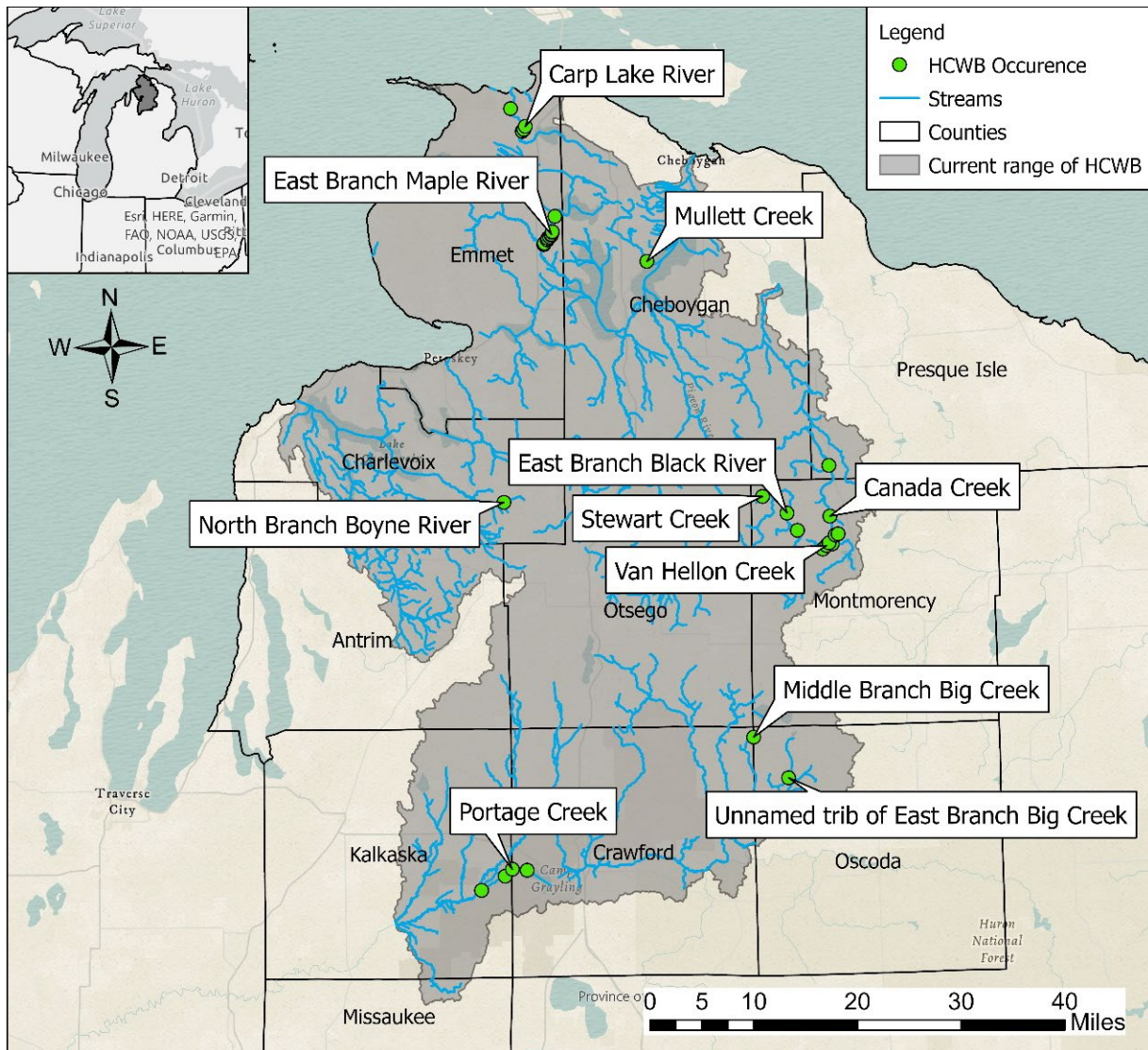


Figure 1. Known distribution of HCWB in the United States

Most areas of the state have not been surveyed for HCWB. While we are generally recommending this survey protocol be applied to more typical HCWB habitat, surveys throughout the state that key Haliplidae to genus (instead of to family) could help clarify the species' distribution and habitat requirements. As new sites are discovered, new information about HCWB's distribution helps the Service accurately evaluate the species' status.

Habitat Assessment Protocol

Qualifications

Assessments done to determine if habitat is present involve little in-water work and pose little risk to HCWB. Therefore, a permit is not required to assess habitat. Assessors should be able to identify suitable HCWB habitat for adult and larval life stages and have documentation of their experience.

Assessment technique

Habitat assessments should be conducted at any perennial stream where in-water work is being conducted within the watersheds known to be occupied by HCWB that may contain suitable habitat. A [list and map of streams in the current range of HCWB that may have suitable habitat](#) is included in this document. Since the species may occupy a wider range of suitable habitat than we currently understand, habitat assessments may be conducted at any flowing perennial body of water.

Habitat assessments are best conducted from May through October to ensure accurate measurement of water characteristics, though can be conducted at any time of year when habitat features are visible. Assessments should consist of a general habitat assessment, considering both quality and extent of available habitat. Assessors should note the physical features of the site, such as substrate (including percent sand, detritus, and cobble), bank vegetation, aquatic vegetation, the presence of woody debris, and the presence of algae. Assessors should make special note of the presence of any *Chara*, *Dichotomosiphon*, or other filamentous green algae at the site. Habitat features should be marked on a sketched map or aerial image of the site. Assessors should also measure water characteristics like temperature, flow rate, and pH. If the appropriate tools are available, assessors may also take additional measures that could capture other aspects of HCWB habitat, such as dissolved oxygen, conductivity, turbidity, and water chemistry data. Assessors may find it helpful to use the provided [habitat assessment form](#). Pictures should be taken throughout the habitat assessed, with a special focus on any microhabitats that may be suitable for HCWB. While determining if habitat is suitable, keep in mind that season and rainfall will affect many water characteristics, and not all habitat features must be present for a stream to be suitable for HCWB. Following the assessment, please submit your data, along with any maps or pictures, to the Service.

Be sure to adhere to your agency or organization's safety standards in relation to aquatic field work and apply all appropriate safety measures. Also ensure you have landowner permission for site access, as appropriate, before conducting habitat assessments. If visiting multiple sites, make sure to follow appropriate decontamination procedures to prevent the spread of invasive species.

More information about decontamination to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species can be found at: <https://www.michigan.gov/invasives/take-action/decontamination-training>.

HCWB Survey Protocol

Qualifications

Survey work done incorrectly can cause unnecessary injury or mortality of HCWB and result in surveys that are not valid. To conduct surveys for HCWB within a mile of a known occurrence, individuals must operate under a valid section 10(a)(1)(A) recovery permit and have met the following qualifications prior to obtaining their section 10 permit:

- Training in the ability to identify suitable HCWB habitat for adult and larval life stages
- Demonstrate and document ability to identify HCWB and other closely related species
- Under supervision of a qualified surveyor, demonstrate understanding and experience with proper survey technique
- Documentation of experience (including hours of training or field experience)
- Familiarity with section 10 permit requirements including survey reporting requirements and special conditions
- Familiarity with HCWB conservation measures and Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- A bachelor's degree in wildlife management, entomology, wildlife ecology, biology, or a similar field, or have worked in one of these fields for at least 10 years

Survey technique

Surveys for HCWB are targeting adult beetles and should occur **May through October** (Grant et al. 2002). The level of effort required will depend on the quality and extent of suitable habitat. Begin with a general habitat assessment, considering both quality and extent of available habitat. For road crossing (e.g., culvert or bridge replacement) projects, assess the extent and quality of habitat within the in-stream area of disturbance.

For detection/non-detection surveys, systematically search the area of potential habitat using the survey techniques described below. Working in tandem with a partner, fully cover the area of suitable habitat. Generally, two or three experienced surveyors can adequately cover a 500 ft² area of good HCWB habitat in 30 minutes to an hour; it may take longer for people with less experience in conducting HCWB surveys. The important thing to consider when evaluating sufficient effort is the presence of suitable microhabitat. If the microhabitat is not suitable, it does not need to be surveyed for HCWB. We recommend surveyors use the [survey data form](#) or a similar format to record data and submit the information to the Service.

Surveys for adults are typically conducted by creating a rapid current over the site to dislodge the beetles from their substrate and then capturing them in a dip net (Hinz, Jr. and Wiley 1999, Scholtens 2002, Vande Kopple and Grant 2004). Use an aquatic D-net to vigorously sweep the water just above the bottom of the stream. The vigorous sweeping motion will create a current that will help capture HCWB in the net. Empty the net contents streamside into a white enamel pan filled with stream water for identification and examination of the beetles. Magnifying tools are helpful in making identification. After identification and photo documentation, release any

individuals unharmed at the capture site. You may remove small amounts of vegetation in your net but try not to significantly disturb algae beds.

This technique of disturbing the water and not significantly disrupting the substrate is preferred, as it is less destructive to the habitat and has a lesser risk of crushing the beetles. Additional methods of surveying that do not significantly disrupt the substrate may also be suitable but should first be discussed with the Service. Do not use kick net sampling in any area where you think HCWB may occur. If you unexpectedly find HCWB in an area when using kick net sampling, immediately stop and contact the Service (see [contact information](#)).

Photo document new occurrences using a digital camera or smartphone with a clear image of the HCWB to allow for confirmation. Make sure to include photos with your permit report (see permit conditions for details). Voucher specimens are not generally necessary and are not allowed without prior authorization in your permit. HCWB are relatively hardy and should not be harmed using approved techniques and caution. However, accidental injury may occur, and if so, should be immediately reported to the Service (see [contact information](#)).

Surveys should be conducted in areas of suitable habitat within one stream mile of a known occurrence. Surveys or appraisals may also be recommended in other areas of suitable habitat within the range of HCWB. The [flowchart](#) at the end of this document can help you determine if a survey or appraisal is recommended for your project area. In areas of suitable habitat within one stream mile of a known occurrence, at least two surveys must be completed at least one month apart to demonstrate probable absence. At sites where HCWB has been previously documented, an additional level of effort may be required to determine HCWB is extirpated from a location unless significant habitat alteration has occurred.

Be sure to adhere to your agency or organization's safety standards in relation to aquatic field work and apply all appropriate safety measures. Also ensure you have landowner permission for site access, as appropriate, before conducting surveys. If visiting multiple sites, make sure to follow appropriate decontamination procedures to prevent the spread of invasive species. More information about decontamination to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species can be found at: <https://www.michigan.gov/invasives/take-action/decontamination-training>.

Relocation

Relocation efforts will typically be required when HCWB is present at a project site and available conservation measures are not sufficient to avoid take or adverse effects. For example, a culvert replacement project may result in short-term disturbance below a road crossing. Any HCWB that remain in the area could be crushed or dislodged from the substrate during construction. Prior to construction, collecting and moving HCWB to nearby suitable habitat within the same stream segment can minimize any adverse effects as a result of the proposed project. No HCWB may be moved without prior authorization from the Service. Relocation of HCWB will require authorization through section 7 consultation (for federally funded projects) or issuance of a section 10 permit. You should seek landowner permission prior to relocating HCWB to another property.

Generally, the protocol for relocation and surveys is the same in terms of technique. The level of effort for relocation, however, will be greater, to increase the likelihood that all beetles in the action area are removed from the area of disturbance. Thoroughly cover the entire extent of suitable habitat, with repeated sweeps in the same area to attempt to collect all beetles that are present. Place any HCWB in plastic centrifuge tubes, or a pail/bucket with a secure lid, filled with stream water. Secure the lid and place in shade until survey efforts are complete. Continue searching all available habitat in the action area until no HCWB are found for at least 30 minutes (assuming three surveyors). Complete the [relocation form](#) or a similar data sheet with all requested information, including an accurate count of the number of HCWB collected and relocated.

Collected HCWB should be released within four hours to the relocation site, although additional time may be allowed for large populations or unusual circumstances. HCWB are resilient, and adults have survived in collection tubes for more than two days. Returning them to the stream as quickly as possible, however, is recommended to reduce stress and harassment.

Relocation sites must be identified in advance and should be the nearest suitable habitat that is outside of the area of disturbance. In selecting a suitable relocation site, look for presence of algae, overwintering sites, and suitable substrate. Generally, these sites will be within 0.5 mile of the capture site, upstream or downstream of the collection site and outside of the project's area of impact. Sites must be approved by the Service in advance, per the section 7 consultation and/or permit terms and conditions. Complete the [relocation form](#) or a similar data sheet and submit to the Service as required by the consultation or permit. Following relocation, monitoring will be required as terms and conditions of the biological opinion and/or permit. Follow all reporting and monitoring requirements as specified.

Contact Information

For more information, you may contact the Service:

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Streams in HCWB Current Range That May Have Suitable Habitat

Below is information on streams that may contain suitable HCWB habitat based on desktop review. We recommend conducting habitat assessments in these streams before beginning projects that may impact HCWB.

Table 1. Stream reaches in the current range of HCWB that may contain suitable habitat. The stream reaches were selected from a desktop review of streams based on average July temperature, baseline flow, network catchment soil permeability, and a habitat model from Michigan Department of Natural Resources and US Geological Service. All stream reaches included are within the current range of HCWB, based on the watersheds of known occurrences. Streams not included may still contain suitable HCWB habitat.

County	Stream Name	Point 1 Latitude	Point 1 Longitude	Point 2 Latitude	Point 2 Longitude
Cheboygan	Allen Creek	45.2112	-84.6398	45.2541	-84.6380
Crawford	Barker Creek	44.7027	-84.4824	44.6674	-84.5209
Charlevoix	Bear River	45.2610	-84.9344	45.2605	-84.8957
Cheboygan and Emmet	Berry Creek	45.3762	-84.6757	45.3938	-84.7423
Kalkaska	Big Cannon Creek	44.5099	-85.0071	44.5866	-85.0750
Kalkaska	Big Devil Creek	44.5737	-84.9976	44.5887	-85.0544
Kalkaska	Black Creek	44.7275	-84.9264	44.6181	-84.9509
Montmorency and Ostego	Black River	45.0434	-84.3822	45.1825	-84.3306
Cheboygan	Bowen Creek	45.3625	-84.2482	45.3577	-84.2901
Charlevoix	Boyne River	45.1822	-84.9210	45.1903	-84.9403
Crawford	Bradford Creek	44.8565	-84.7142	44.8060	-84.7580
Emmet	Brush Creek	45.6006	-84.9214	45.5676	-84.8965
Cheboygan, Montmorency, and Presque Isle	Canada Creek	45.0723	-84.1664	45.2703	-84.2527
Emmet	Carp Lake River	45.6859	-84.7801	45.7261	-84.8290
Antrim	Cascade Creek	44.9716	-85.0000	45.0062	-85.0158
Otsego	Chub Creek	44.8869	-84.6306	44.8975	-84.5750
Otsego	Club Stream	45.1476	-84.6925	45.1867	-84.5469
Kalkaska	Collar Creek	44.6978	-85.0426	44.6810	-85.0199
Antrim and Charlevoix	Collins Creek	45.1039	-84.9230	45.1516	-84.9834
Cheboygan	Connection between Munro Lake and Lancaster Lake	45.6250	-84.6899	45.6230	-84.7067
Emmet	Connection between Round Lake and Crooked Lake	45.4056	-84.8809	45.4124	-84.8650
Crawford	Connors Stream	44.7013	-84.4331	44.6682	-84.4280
Cheboygan	Cornwall Creek	45.2086	-84.3908	45.2247	-84.4289
Cheboygan	Crumley Creek	45.3618	-84.5332	45.3960	-84.5883

County	Stream Name	Point 1 Latitude	Point 1 Longitude	Point 2 Latitude	Point 2 Longitude
Charlevoix	Deer Creek	45.1557	-84.9801	45.1362	-85.1258
Crawford	East Branch Au Sable River	44.8294	-84.5996	44.6653	-84.7036
Oscoda	East Branch Big Creek	44.8365	-84.3019	44.7472	-84.3514
Montmorency	East Branch Black River	45.0537	-84.3413	45.1825	-84.3306
Otsego	East Branch Club Creek	45.1680	-84.6532	45.1661	-84.5976
Emmet and Cheboygan	East Branch Maple River	45.5747	-84.7277	45.5291	-84.7753
Emmet	French Farm Creek	45.7344	-84.7907	45.7470	-84.8017
Otsego	Frenchman Creek	44.8832	-84.8331	44.8723	-84.8343
Crawford and Kalkaska	Goose Creek	44.7161	-84.8240	44.7996	-84.8937
Antrim	Green River	44.9637	-85.0106	45.0255	-85.0600
Cheboygan	Johnson Creek	45.3006	-84.5729	45.3337	-84.5709
Antrim	Jordan River	45.0737	-84.9113	45.0214	-85.0550
Charlevoix	Kuznick Creek	45.1603	-84.8475	45.1740	-84.8648
Cheboygan	Lancaster Creek	45.6184	-84.7089	45.6008	-84.7158
Antrim	Landslide Creek	45.0000	-85.0061	45.0143	-85.0256
Cheboygan	Laperell Creek	45.5914	-84.5182	45.5879	-84.4833
Cheboygan	Lewis Branch Adair Creek	45.3175	-84.3827	45.3272	-84.3702
Cheboygan	Little Carp River	45.5547	-84.6872	45.5366	-84.6765
Cheboygan	Little McMasters Creek	45.2002	-84.3693	45.2246	-84.3350
Cheboygan and Otsego	Little Pigeon River	45.1907	-84.5031	45.2882	-84.4871
Cheboygan	Little Pigeon River	45.3869	-84.5050	45.4414	-84.5550
Cheboygan	Little Sturgeon River	45.3256	-84.5636	45.4052	-84.6081
Emmet	Maple River	45.5573	-84.9090	45.5757	-84.8497
Cheboygan	Marl Creek	45.2617	-84.7194	45.2510	-84.6562
Antrim and Charlevoix	Marvon Creek	45.1108	-85.0049	45.1373	-85.0268
Cheboygan	McMasters Creek	45.2616	-84.3911	45.2335	-84.3271
Emmet	McPhee Creek	45.5169	-84.8718	45.4384	-84.7862
Crawford, Montmorency, and Oscoda	Middle Branch Big Creek	44.8659	-84.3457	44.7395	-84.3798
Cheboygan	Middle Branch Little Pigeon River	45.4022	-84.4782	45.4165	-84.5078
Antrim	Mill Creek	45.0683	-85.0706	45.0908	-85.0395
Cheboygan	Milligan Creek	45.2788	-84.3439	45.3941	-84.3364
Emmet	Minnehaha Creek	45.3054	-84.8057	45.3895	-84.8159
Montmorency	Montague Creek	45.1662	-84.2395	45.1737	-84.2222
Kalkaska	Morrison Creek	44.7055	-85.0331	44.6721	-85.0072
Cheboygan	Morrow Creek	45.4083	-84.4592	45.4147	-84.4756
Otsego	Mossback Creek	45.0774	-84.6753	45.0961	-84.6178
Charlevoix	Moyer Creek	45.1190	-84.8700	45.1487	-84.9214

County	Stream Name	Point 1 Latitude	Point 1 Longitude	Point 2 Latitude	Point 2 Longitude
Emmet	Mud Creek	45.3779	-84.8088	45.3843	-84.8197
Cheboygan	Mud Creek	45.6421	-84.6210	45.6818	-84.7249
Cheboygan	Mullet Creek	45.5934	-84.5986	45.5070	-84.5633
Charlevoix	North Branch Boyne River	45.1773	-84.8143	45.1819	-84.9205
Cheboygan	North Branch Little Pigeon River	45.4238	-84.4562	45.4180	-84.5086
Kalkaska	North Branch Manistee River	44.7687	-85.0191	44.6721	-85.0072
Charlevoix	North Branch Spring Brook	45.2884	-84.8301	45.2498	-84.8777
Cheboygan and Presque Isle	Oxbow Creek	45.2185	-84.2145	45.2045	-84.2792
Montmorency	Packer Creek	45.0538	-84.2260	45.0911	-84.1820
Otsego	Pickerel Creek	45.1739	-84.5254	45.1710	-84.5432
Otsego	Pigeon River	45.0502	-84.6408	45.1314	-84.5016
Crawford and Kalkaska	Portage Creek	44.6598	-84.8169	44.6303	-84.9137
Charlevoix	Porter Creek	45.1708	-85.0456	45.2204	-85.0685
Montmorency	Rattlesnake Creek	45.0331	-84.2700	45.0677	-84.2848
Otsego	Saunders Creek	45.0422	-84.4733	45.0606	-84.4531
Charlevoix	Schoolhouse Creek	45.1899	-84.8770	45.1812	-84.9165
Emmet	Silver Creek	45.3678	-84.8064	45.3786	-84.8141
Crawford	Simpson Creek	44.6395	-84.7185	44.6527	-84.7220
Antrim, Charlevoix, and Otsego	South Branch Boyne River	45.0850	-84.8141	45.1819	-84.9205
Otsego	South Branch Pigeon River	44.9992	-84.4984	45.0656	-84.5320
Charlevoix	South Branch Spring Brook	45.2025	-84.8015	45.2498	-84.8777
Charlevoix	Spring Brook	45.2498	-84.8777	45.2605	-84.8957
Montmorency	Stewart Creek	45.1677	-84.3567	45.1807	-84.3289
Cheboygan and Otsego	Stewart Creek	45.1953	-84.6130	45.2223	-84.5891
Cheboygan	Stony Creek	45.3980	-84.4159	45.3809	-84.3700
Otsego	Sturgeon River	45.0317	-84.6363	45.1867	-84.5469
Antrim	Sutton Creek	45.0532	-85.0120	45.0625	-85.0676
Cheboygan	Terry Creek	45.5808	-84.5521	45.5899	-84.5126
Montmorency	Tomahawk Creek	45.1697	-84.1404	45.1943	-84.1688
Presque Isle	Tomahawk Creek	45.2185	-84.1802	45.2757	-84.2419
Cheboygan	Unnamed stream off Munro Lake	45.6044	-84.6431	45.6209	-84.6766
Crawford	Unnamed tributary of Au Sable River	44.6886	-84.7078	44.6770	-84.7064
Emmet	Unnamed tributary of Bear River	45.2909	-84.8858	45.3062	-84.9109
Montmorency and Otsego	Unnamed tributary of Black River	45.1343	-84.3545	45.1356	-84.3776
Otsego	Unnamed tributary of Chub Creek	44.8666	-84.6111	44.8766	-84.6050
Otsego	Unnamed tributary of Club Stream	45.1237	-84.6554	45.1341	-84.6333

County	Stream Name	Point 1 Latitude	Point 1 Longitude	Point 2 Latitude	Point 2 Longitude
Oscoda	Unnamed tributary of East Branch Big Creek	44.7886	-84.3407	44.7704	-84.3244
Antrim	Unnamed tributary of Jordan River	45.0290	-85.0193	45.0143	-85.0309
Cheboygan	Unnamed tributary of Little Pigeon River	45.2366	-84.4843	45.2462	-84.5171
Crawford and Kalkaska	Unnamed tributary of Manistee River	44.7823	-84.8390	44.8215	-84.8512
Kalkaska	Unnamed tributary of North Branch Manistee River	44.7942	-84.9761	44.7224	-84.9955
Otsego	Unnamed tributary of Pigeon River	45.0011	-84.5663	45.0464	-84.5774
Otsego	Unnamed tributary of Pigeon River	45.0882	-84.5555	45.0790	-84.5157
Otsego	Unnamed tributary of South Branch Pigeon River	44.9918	-84.5309	45.0013	-84.5170
Otsego	Unnamed tributary of Sturgeon River	45.0452	-84.6552	45.0535	-84.6416
Otsego	Unnamed tributary of Sturgeon River	45.1195	-84.5482	45.1446	-84.5621
Otsego	Unnamed tributary of Sturgeon River	45.1363	-84.6120	45.1416	-84.5663
Crawford	Unnamed tributary of West Branch Big Creek	44.8336	-84.4263	44.8357	-84.4379
Otsego	Unnamed tributary of West Branch Big Creek	44.8714	-84.3894	44.8683	-84.4041
Kalkaska	Unnamed tributary to Big Cannon Creek	44.5600	-85.0381	44.5755	-85.0518
Montmorency and Otsego	Unnamed tributary to Black River	45.1049	-84.3673	45.0721	-84.3988
Crawford	Unnamed tributary to Bradford Creek	44.8406	-84.7563	44.8281	-84.7532
Montmorency	Unnamed tributary to Canada Creek	45.1343	-84.1863	45.1490	-84.2154
Antrim and Charlevoix	Unnamed tributary to Collins Creek	45.1135	-84.9100	45.1384	-84.9519
Emmet	Unnamed tributary to Crooked River	45.4930	-84.7759	45.4729	-84.7503
Crawford	Unnamed tributary to East Branch Au Sable River	44.7141	-84.6926	44.6998	-84.6921
Montmorency	Unnamed tributary to East Branch Black River	45.0195	-84.3050	45.0327	-84.2954
Cheboygan	Unnamed tributary to Little Sturgeon River	45.3664	-84.5686	45.3876	-84.5899
Crawford	Unnamed tributary to Middle Branch Big Creek	44.8438	-84.3799	44.8366	-84.3828
Cheboygan	Unnamed tributary to Milligan Creek	45.3637	-84.3885	45.3770	-84.3731
Kalkaska	Unnamed tributary to Morrison Creek	44.7029	-84.9966	44.6772	-85.0156
Charlevoix	Unnamed tributary to Moyer Creek	45.1333	-84.8838	45.1361	-84.9035
Otsego	Unnamed tributary to Pigeon River	45.0451	-84.5472	45.0658	-84.5321
Otsego	Unnamed tributary to Pigeon River	45.0632	-84.5018	45.0805	-84.5078
Crawford	Unnamed tributary to Simpson Creek	44.6454	-84.7369	44.6527	-84.7220
Cheboygan and Otsego	Unnamed tributary to Stewart Creek	45.2028	-84.6117	45.1962	-84.6162
Emmet	Unnamed tributary to Van Creek	45.5936	-84.7725	45.5902	-84.7433
Emmet	Unnamed tributary to Van Creek	45.6028	-84.7916	45.5913	-84.7717

County	Stream Name	Point 1 Latitude	Point 1 Longitude	Point 2 Latitude	Point 2 Longitude
Crawford	Unnamed tributary to West Branch Big Creek	44.7494	-84.4069	44.7383	-84.4145
Cheboygan and Otsego	Unnamed tributary to West Branch Sturgeon River	45.2090	-84.7126	45.1943	-84.7240
Cheboygan	Unnamed tributary to Wilkes Creek	45.3269	-84.4597	45.3453	-84.4770
Oscoda	Unnamed tributary to Wright Creek	44.7655	-84.2945	44.7632	-84.3068
Emmet	Van Creek	45.6231	-84.8592	45.5754	-84.7449
Montmorency	Van Hetton Creek	45.1083	-84.2399	45.1097	-84.1986
Crawford	Wakeley Creek	44.6439	-84.5142	44.6605	-84.5101
Antrim and Charlevoix	Warner Creek	45.0925	-84.9520	45.1461	-84.9903
Cheboygan	Weed Creek	45.3290	-84.4011	45.3343	-84.3785
Cheboygan	Welch Creek	45.3476	-84.3253	45.3720	-84.3306
Crawford and Otsego	West Branch Big Creek	44.8761	-84.4097	44.7179	-84.4066
Emmet	West Branch Carp Lake River	45.7222	-84.8422	45.7261	-84.8290
Emmet	West Branch Minnehaha Creek	45.3517	-84.8708	45.3581	-84.8259
Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Otsego	West Branch Sturgeon River	45.1336	-84.7740	45.2510	-84.6562
Cheboygan	Wilkes Creek	45.3392	-84.4486	45.3491	-84.4977
Oscoda	Wright Creek	44.7991	-84.2586	44.7472	-84.3514

Map of streams in the current range of HCWB that may contain suitable habitat

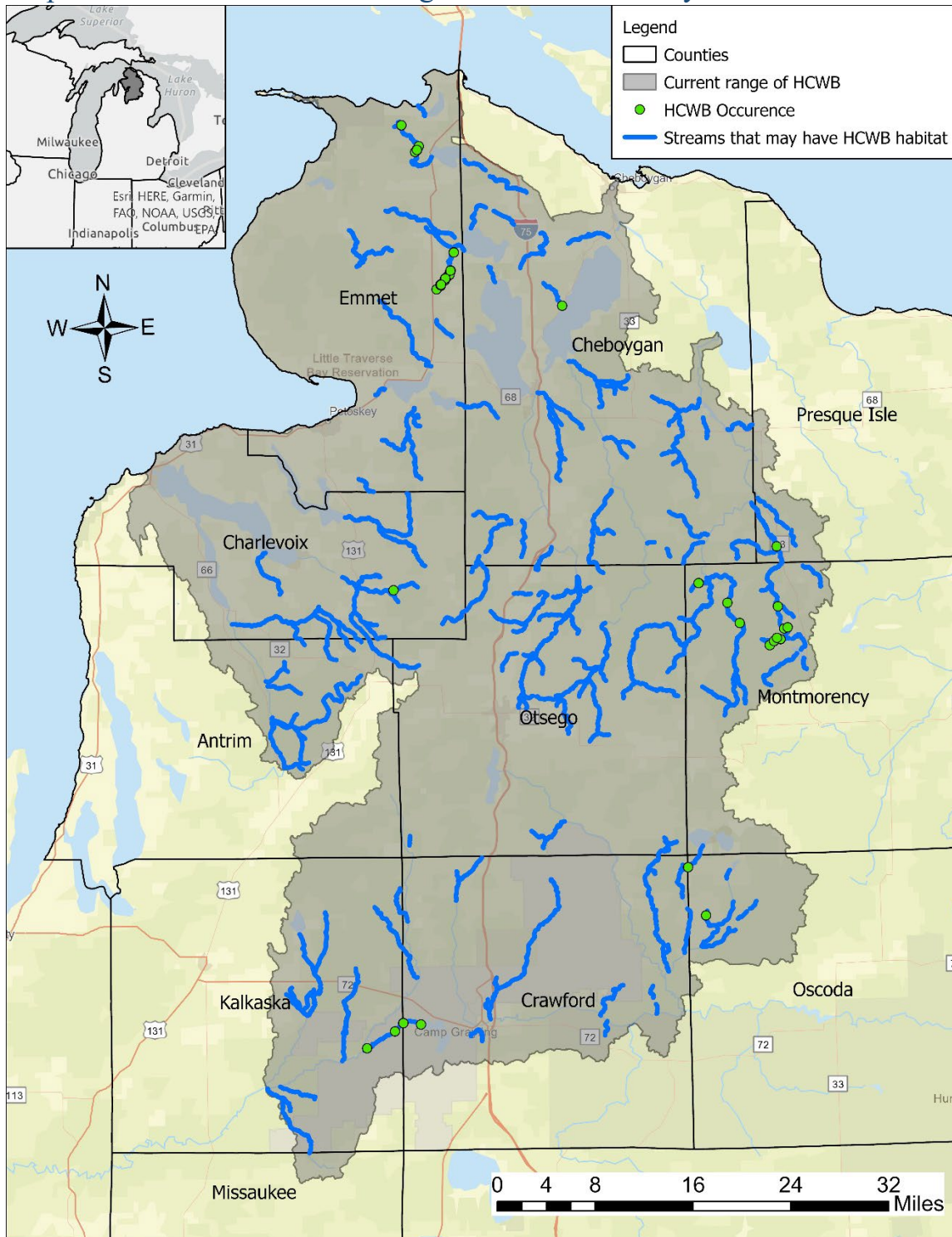
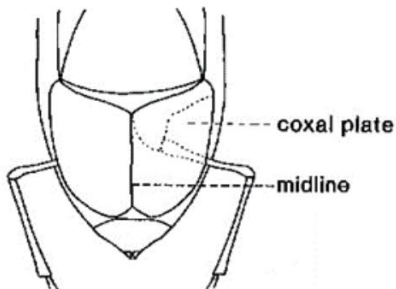


Figure 2. Streams in the current range of HCWB that may contain suitable habitat. Suitability is based on average July temperature, baseline flow, network catchment soil permeability, and a habitat model. Additional streams not shown on this map may also contain suitable habitat for HCWB.

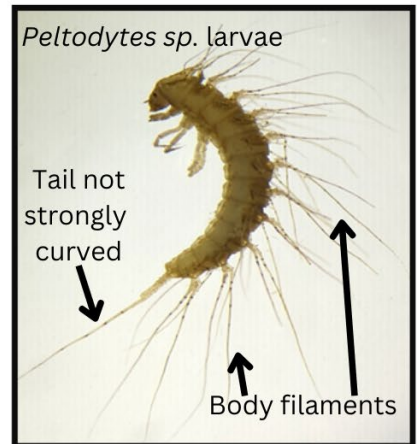
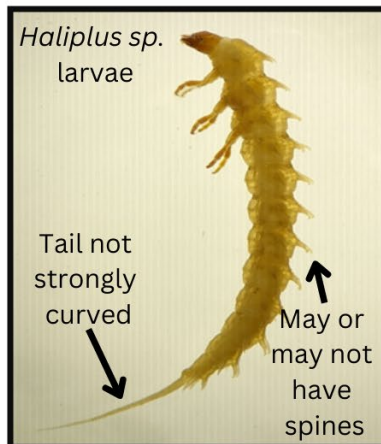
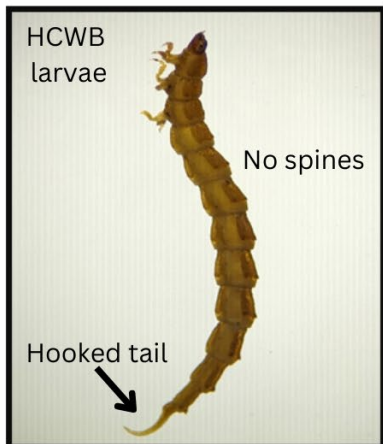
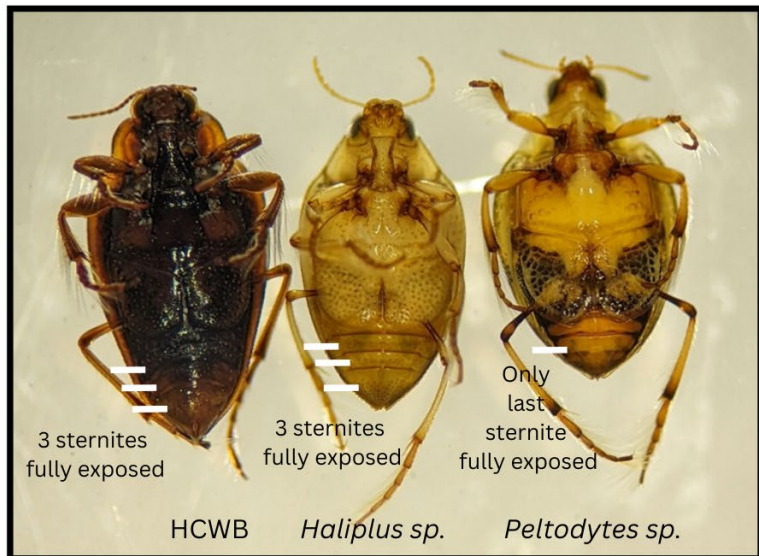
Hungerford's Crawling Water Beetle (*Brychius hungerfordi*; HCWB) Identification



Color is not a good indicator of species



Species in the Haliplidae family (HCWB, *Haliplus sp.*, *Peltodytes sp.*) have expanded hind coxal plate. Figure from Merritt and Cummins 1984, used with permission



Other Beetles



Dytiscidae sp.

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Peltodytes sp.

Halipus sp.

Gyridae sp.



Hydrophilidae sp.

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Elmidae sp.

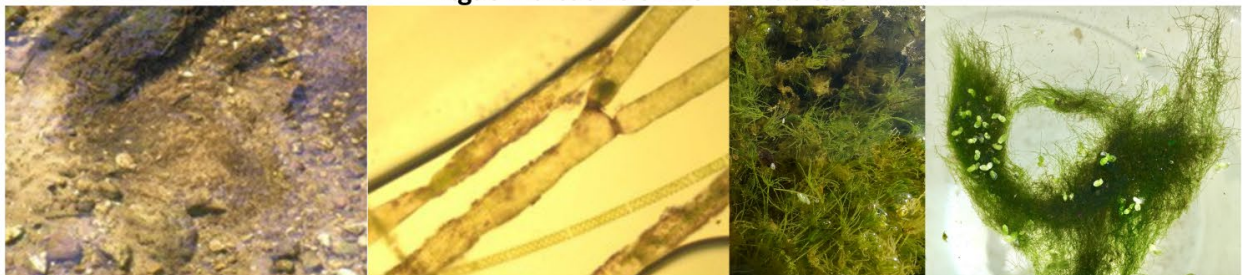
Elmidae sp.

Elmidae sp.

Additional HCWB Photos



Algae Indicative of HCWB Habitat



Dichotomosiphon

Dichotomosiphon

Chara

Cladophora

Thanks to Bob Vande Kopple, Elizabeth Stieber (EGLE), Nick Thiesen (Huron Pines), FWS, and creative commons images from Macroinvertebrates.org, iNaturalist, and UK beetles for use of their images.

Example Photos of HCWB Habitat

All photos were taken at sites known to be occupied by HCWB and were submitted to the Service during 10(a)(1)(A) permit reporting. Habitat not pictured here may also be suitable for HCWB.









HCWB Habitat Assessment Form

Brychius hungerfordi (HCWB) Habitat Assessment Form

Typical HCWB habitat has the following characteristics: Perennial stream with groundwater input; Cool summer (Jun -Aug) temperatures 12°C – 25°C; moderate to fast stream flow 3 – 20 cfs; good stream aeration; slightly alkaline water, pH 7.2 – 8.5; substrate of cobble, gravel, rocks, and/or woody debris with sand; plunge pools or riffles; and algae, particularly Chara, Cladophora, and Dichotomosiphon. Please note streams do not need to meet all criteria to support HCWB. Please contact the Michigan Ecological Services Field Office for assistance if you are unsure if habitat exists at your site.

Site/Stream Name:			
Date:		Start Time:	End Time:
Observers:			
Watershed:		County:	
Location, description:			
GPS coordinates:			
Physical Water Characteristics			
Water temp (C):		Est. Stream Flow (cfs):	
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L):		pH:	
Turbidity (NTU):		Conductivity:	
Algae and Aquatic Plants			
Dichotomosiphon present:		Chara present:	
Other filamentous algae:			
Aquatic plants present:			
Substrate			
	Sand	Detritus (CPOM)	Cobble/Rocks
Pool:			
Riffle:			
Woody Debris Present? Note size/amount			
Bank Description			
Cover adjacent to stream:	Open	Partial Shade	Full shade
Habitat Description:			
Dominant Plants:			
Notes:			

Attach a sketch map or marked up aerial image denoting significant habitat features of the site. Also attach pictures taken during the survey.

HCWB Survey Form

<i>Brychius hungerfordi</i> (HCWB) Survey Form			
Site/Stream Name:			
Date:		Start Time:	End Time:
Observers:			
Watershed:		County:	
Location, description:			
GPS coordinates:			
Invertebrates			
Total HCWB:	Adults:	Larvae:	#HCWB/personhour:
Ephemeroptera:		Trichoptera:	
Plecoptera:		Odonata:	
Other Invertebrates:			
Physical Water Characteristics			
Water temp (C):		Est. Stream Flow (cfs):	
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L):		pH:	
Turbidity (NTU):		Conductivity:	
Algae and Aquatic Plants			
Dichotomosiphon present:		Chara present:	
Other filamentous algae:			
Aquatic plants present:			
Substrate			
	Sand	Detritus (CPOM)	Cobble/Rocks
Pool:			
Riffle:			
Woody Debris Present? Note size/amount			
Bank Description			
Cover adjacent to stream:	Open	Partial Shade	Full shade
Habitat Description:			
Dominant Plants:			
Notes:			

Attach a sketch map or marked up aerial image denoting significant habitat features of the site. Also attach pictures of any HCWB captured.

HCWB Relocation Data Form

Project Name: _____

Project Description: _____

Action Agency/Proponent: _____

Survey team (list all names): _____

Permittee: _____ Permit No: _____

Date of collection: _____ Start Time: _____ End Time: _____

Number of adult HCWB found: _____ Number of larval HCWB found: _____

Water Temp (C): _____ Estimated Flow (cfs): _____ Algae present: _____

DO (mg/L): _____ pH: _____ Conductivity: _____ Turbidity(NTU): _____

Substrate info: _____

GPS/location of collected HCWB: _____

Section 7 complete for relocation?: Yes _____ No _____

Release site pre-approved by Michigan Ecological Services Field Office? Yes _____ No _____

Release site name: _____

Release site location (GPS), include map below: _____

Water Temp (C): _____ Estimated Flow (cfs): _____ Algae present: _____

DO (mg/L): _____ pH: _____ Conductivity: _____ Turbidity(NTU): _____

Substrate info: _____

Surrounding habitat description: _____

Time of release: _____ Number of HCWB released: _____

Comments/notes/maps: _____

HCWB Survey Flowchart

