

# White Mountain Tiger Beetle

*Cicindela ancocisconensis*

Family - Cicindelidae

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J. Mays photo

## **State Status:**

Special Concern

## **Federal Status:**

## **State Rank:**

SNR

## **New England Rank:**

**Global Rank:**

G3

**Threats:**

The usual threats for fragmented riparian species. Isolation of some populations, dams, disruption of normal processes that create or maintain habitat, possibly in some cases small populations and/or very small areas of occupancy. The species is reported to somehow survive even major floods, although floods can both destroy and create habitat. Uncertainty especially about the scope of threats.

**Habitat**

Prefers open sand or a matrix of sand and cobble along permanent streams or medium-sized rivers. Usually found along rocky mountain streams and small rivers in partially shaded areas such as sand banks and sand bars. Has been occasionally reported along roads etc. Apparently prefers to breed in sandy loam and adults are usually on sandy patches but have been reported on clay. Most often near water's edge but adults do wander. Habitats may be grassy.

**Phenology:**

Adults are most often found in June at least in New England. Apparently a fall-spring species emerging in late July to September, hibernating and reappearing in late April to June and then declining in midsummer. Sometimes cannot be found in late season where it was present in spring suggesting adults may not always be active in fall. Believed to have a two year life cycle southward and three northward so larvae will always be present in their burrows at any season.