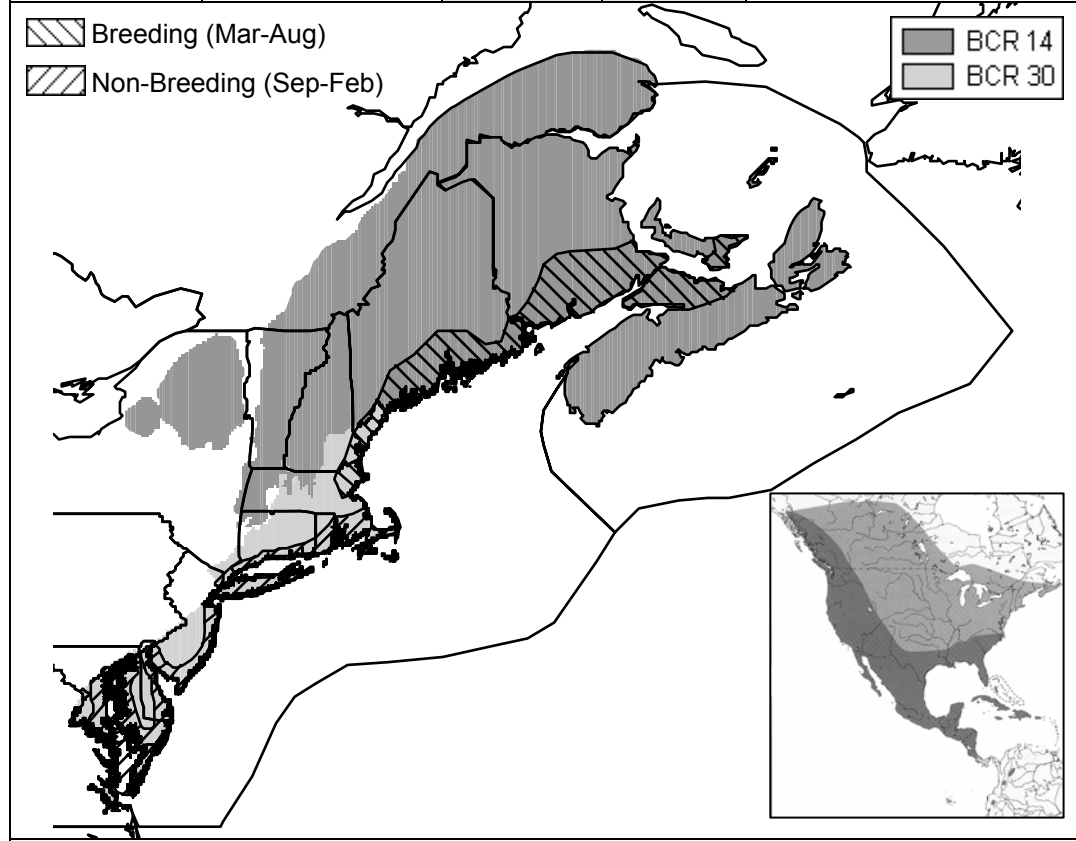


AMERICAN COOT (*Fulica americana americana*)

| Conservation Status: Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals), Population Importance (% reference population) and Conservation Rank | | | | | | | |
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| Global | North America | BCR 14 | BCR 30 | Mid-Atlantic | S. New England | Gulf of Maine | Maritimes |
| 6,000,000t | 6,000,000t (100% global) | ? (? % NA) | ? (? % NA) | ? (30 % MANEM) | ? (20 % MANEM) | ? (25 % MANEM) | 150b (25 % MANEM) |
| IUCN- Least Concern | NAWCP- Low Concern | Low Concern | Low Concern | NJ-S1B; DE-S1B, SZN; MD-SAB, S3N; VA-S1B, S5N State SGCN-DE | NY-S3; CT-SZN; RI-SZN; MA-S2; VT-SAB,S2N | MA-S2; NH-SZN; ME- SCS2?B; NB-S2B; NS-S2B State SGCN-ME(b) | QC-S4; NB-S2B; PE-S2B; NS-S2B |



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds in region; winters and migrates in BCR 30
- Habitats used: semi-permanent wetlands (breeding): ponds, lakes, and marshes in winter (builds floating nests among marsh plants); fields, brackish estuaries, bays, canals, sloughs, sewage ponds, slower-moving rivers, swamps with open water, shallow water close to cover (foraging)

NAWCP BD=2; NAWCP ND=3

Regional Abundance

- 1990s: US—10,400nb; CAN—150b
- Historical population size: unknown
- % change in regional population: unknown

NAWCP PS=1; NAWCP PT=2

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Populations vary with precipitation levels; loss of nesting habitat leads to reduced reproductive success during drought
- Non-native invasive plants
- Hunted game bird in US and Canada; harvest
- Parasitic trematode potentially impacts population

NAWCP TB=2; NAWCP TN=3

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 0.2 young/female/yr; >80% nest success (nests hatching ≥1 young); 73.8-180.5 pairs/km²; 0.1-32.6 pairs/km² during drought and wetter years. *Conservation Actions:* Evaluate breeding-grounds, survey wintering grounds, and manage wetland habitats. No net loss of wetland habitat; *Needs:* determine effects on other waterbirds. *Population Goals:* monitor. *Habitat Goals:* restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: MA-Ipswich-Parker; ME-Central/mid-coast Maine, NB-Moncton, NS-Amherst. Protect non-breeding habitat in BCR 30. *Conservation Projects:* 24, 59.