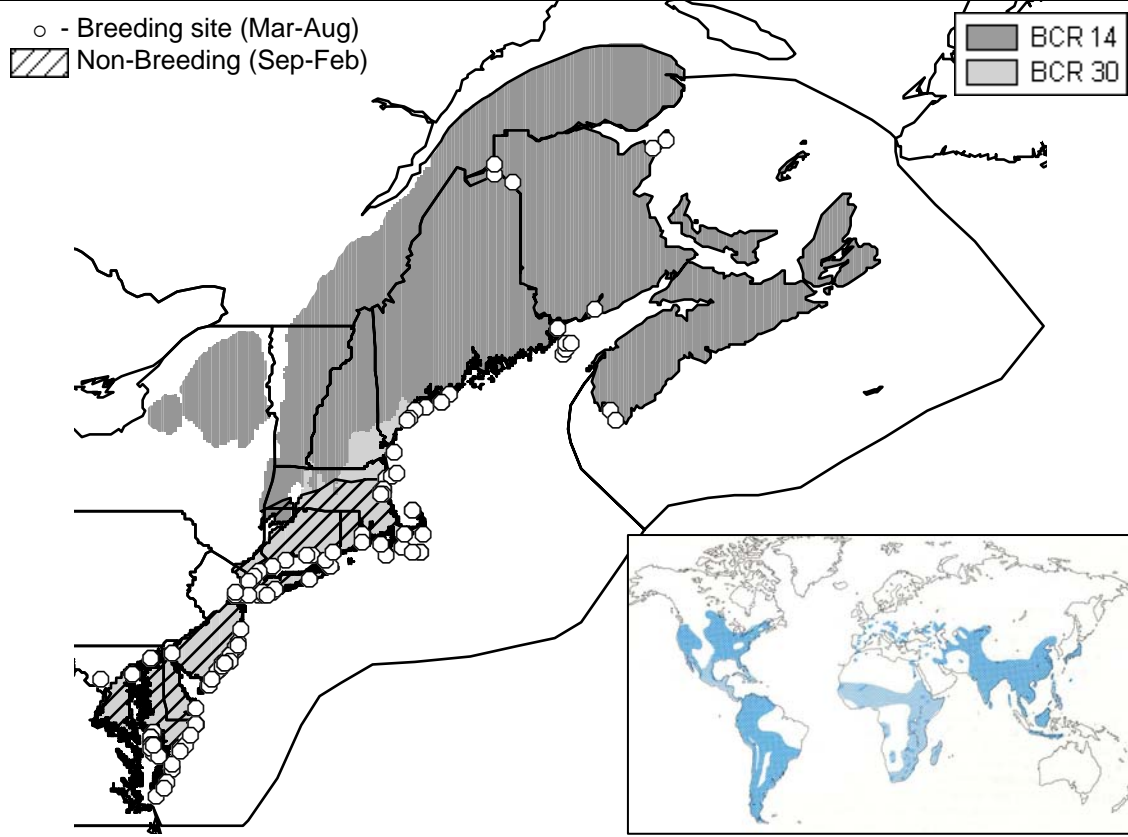


BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli*)

Conservation Status: Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals), Population Importance (% reference population) and Conservation Rank							
Global	North America	BCR 14	BCR 30	Mid-Atlantic	S. New England	Gulf of Maine	Maritimes
430,000 – 3,600,000t	>50,000b (>17% global)	2,468b (5% NA)	10,388b (21% NA)	3,808b (30% MANEM)	4,702b (37% MANEM)	2,096b (16% MANEM)	2,250b (17% MANEM)
IUCN- Least Concern	NAWCP- Moderate Concern	Moderate Concern	Moderate Concern	NJ-TS3B,S4N; DE-ES1B;MD-S3B,S2N; VA-S2S3B, S4N MANEM Focal Species State SGCN-NJ,DE,MD,VA	NY-S3; CT-S2B, SZN; RI-SCS2B, SZN; MA-S2; VT-S1B, S2N MANEM Focal Species State SGCN-NY,CT,RI,MA,VT	MA-S2; NH-SHB, SZN; ME-SCS2B; NB- S2B; NS- S1B State SGCN-MA,ME	QC- S4; NB- S2B; PE- no info; NS- S1B MANEM Focal Species



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds in region; winters in BCR 30
- Habitats used: wide variety of wetland habitats during breeding and non-breeding (marshes, swamps, ponds, lakes, and mangroves); breeds in trees in wooded areas near water; grassy salt marsh most important foraging area; others include: shallow, weedy pond margins, creeks, marshes, mudflats, tidal creeks, ditches, pilings, boat riggings; may fly up to 24 km

NAWCP BD=2; NAWCP ND=3

Regional Abundance

- 1990s: US—10,606b (101 colonies); CAN—2,250b
- 1970s: US—18,926b (95 colonies)
- 44% decrease in US population; unknown trend in Canada

NAWCP PS=3; NAWCP PT=4

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Degradation/destruction of nesting and foraging areas
- Mammalian predation
- Human disturbance can inhibit egg laying and may increase nest abandonment, egg predation and nestling mortality
- Vulnerable to contaminants

NAWCP TB=3; NAWCP TN=3

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 2.0-2.1 young/breeding pair/yr. *Conservation Actions:* Dredged material islands have become widely used by nesting wading birds; implement in areas of decreasing populations. *Needs:* assess productivity, monitor; manage disturbance at nesting sites, manage negative impacts with other species. *Population Goals:* restore (increase) to 16,661-20,363b. *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: VA-Pocomoke Sound, Barrier Is Group; MD-Aberdeen, Mid-Chesapeake Bay; DE-Pea Patch Group; NJ-Ludlam Bay Group, Atlantic Co Coast; NY-Brother Islands Group, Staten Island; CT-Milford, Great Captain's Is; RI-Narragansett Bay; MA-Boston Harbor, Monomoy; NB-Miramachi Bay, Grand Manan, Fox; NS-Channel Is. Protect non-breeding habitat in BCR 30. *Conservation Projects:* 11, 31, 32, 34, 38, 40, 41, 42, 45, 76, 83, 84.