

BLACK-HEADED GULL (*Larus ridibundus ridibundus*)

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
7,300,000 – 11,000,000t	40b; 400nb (<1% global)	12b (30% NA)	2b (5% NA)	0b (0% MANEM)	2b (14% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)	12b (86% MANEM)
IUCN- Least Concern	NAWCP- Moderate Concern	Peripheral	Peripheral	NJ- no info; DE-no info; MD-SZN; VA-SN	NY-S?N; CT-SZN; RI- SN; MA,VT-no info	MA-no info; NH- SZN; ME-S1N, SAB; NB- S2M, SIN	QC-S3; NB-S2M, S1N; PE-SZN; NS-S3N

○ - Breeding site (Mar-Aug)

▨ Non-Breeding (Sept-Feb)

Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds and winters in region
- Habitats used: lakes, rivers, bogs, swamps, and coastal marshes; seacoasts, estuaries, bays (wintering)

NAWCP BD=4; NAWCP ND=3

Regional Abundance

- 1980s: US—2b (1 colony); CAN—12b
- Historical population size: US—0b (0 colony)
- Increase in regional population

NAWCP PS=5; NAWCP PT=3

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Disturbance/degradation of habitat
- Pollution/chemical contaminants

NAWCP TB=3; NAWCP TN=3

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* unknown. *Conservation Actions/Needs:* monitor. *Population Goals:* maintain (above minimum). *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect non-breeding habitat of shelf waters of Northeast US Continental Shelf, Gulf of Maine, and Scotian Shelf. *Conservation Projects:* 28, 29, 39.