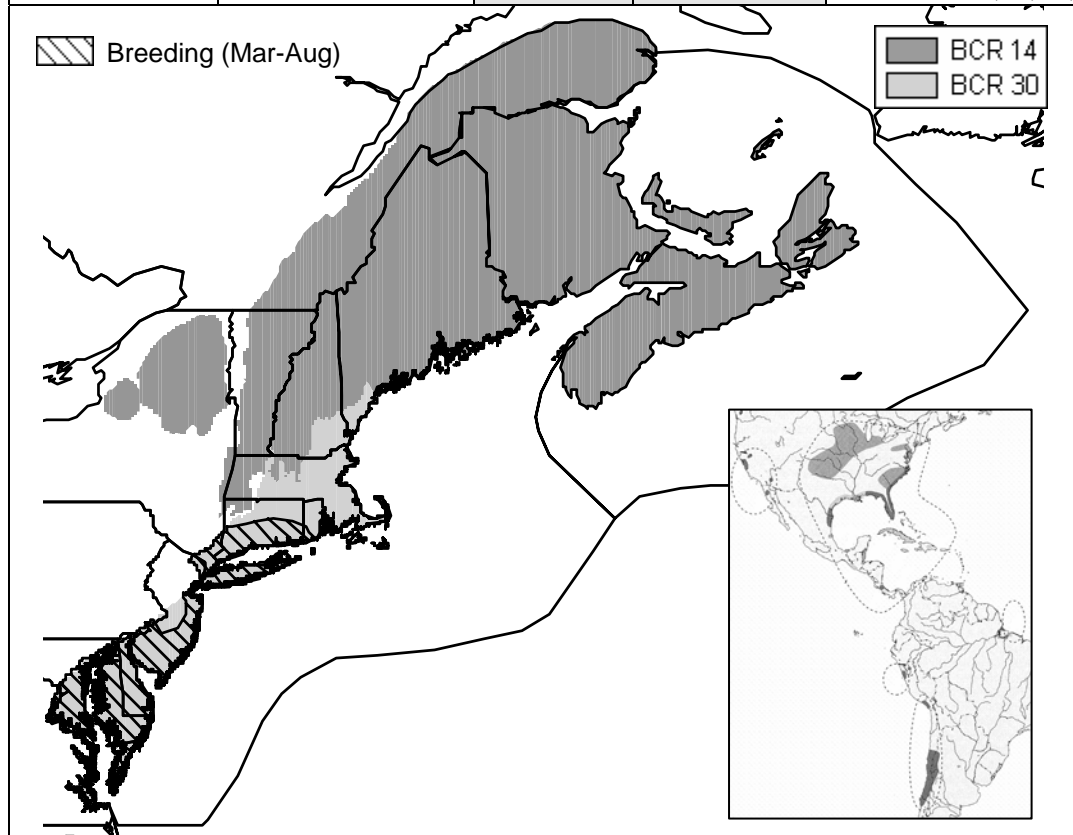


BLACK RAIL (*Laterallus jamaicensis jamaicensis*)

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
?	35,000 – 110,000t (?% global)	0b (0% NA)	?b (? % NA)	?b (65 % MANEM)	?b (35 % MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)
IUCN- Near Threatened	NAWCP- Highest Concern		Highest Concern	NJ-TS2B; DE-ES1B; MD- SCS2S3B; VA-S2B,S2N MANEM Focal Species State SGCN-NJ,DE,MD,VA	NY-ES1B,SZN; CT-ES1B, SZN; RI, MA, VT-no info MANEM Focal Species State SGCN-NY,CT	MA-no info; NH-no info; ME-no info; NB, NS- no info	QC-SR; NB- no info; PE-no info; NS- no info



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds in BCR 30
- Habitats used: salt, brackish, and freshwater marshes; pond borders, wet meadows, grassy swamps; forages on/near substrate at edges of stands of emergent vegetation; above and below high-tide line

NAWCP BD=4; NAWCP ND=4

Regional Abundance

- Current population size: unknown
- Historical population size: unknown
- Suspected decrease in regional population

NAWCP PS=2-3; NAWCP PT=5

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Habitat degradation due to drainage, dredging, filling, and mining (highly area sensitive); historic ditching of marshes may limit available habitat
- Invasive vegetation, predators
- Inclement weather conditions, water level rise, pollutant discharge
- Human disturbance, trampling, collisions with stationary structures (TV towers, buildings, wires)
- Non-hunted game bird in US

NAWCP TB=5; NAWCP TN=4

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* unknown. Greatest productivity documented--5/5 clutches hatched/yr (2/44 infertile); 1.6 vocalizing rails/ha. *Conservation Actions:* Preserve and enhance wetland habitats; secretive habits and lack of information from most of range make status difficult to determine. *Needs:* inventory and monitor, ID key habitat, restore. *Population Goals:* restore (increase). *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: VA-Freeschool Marsh; MD-Blackwater-Fishing Bay; NJ-Delaware Bay; NY-Jamaica Bay. *Conservation Projects:* 58, 59.