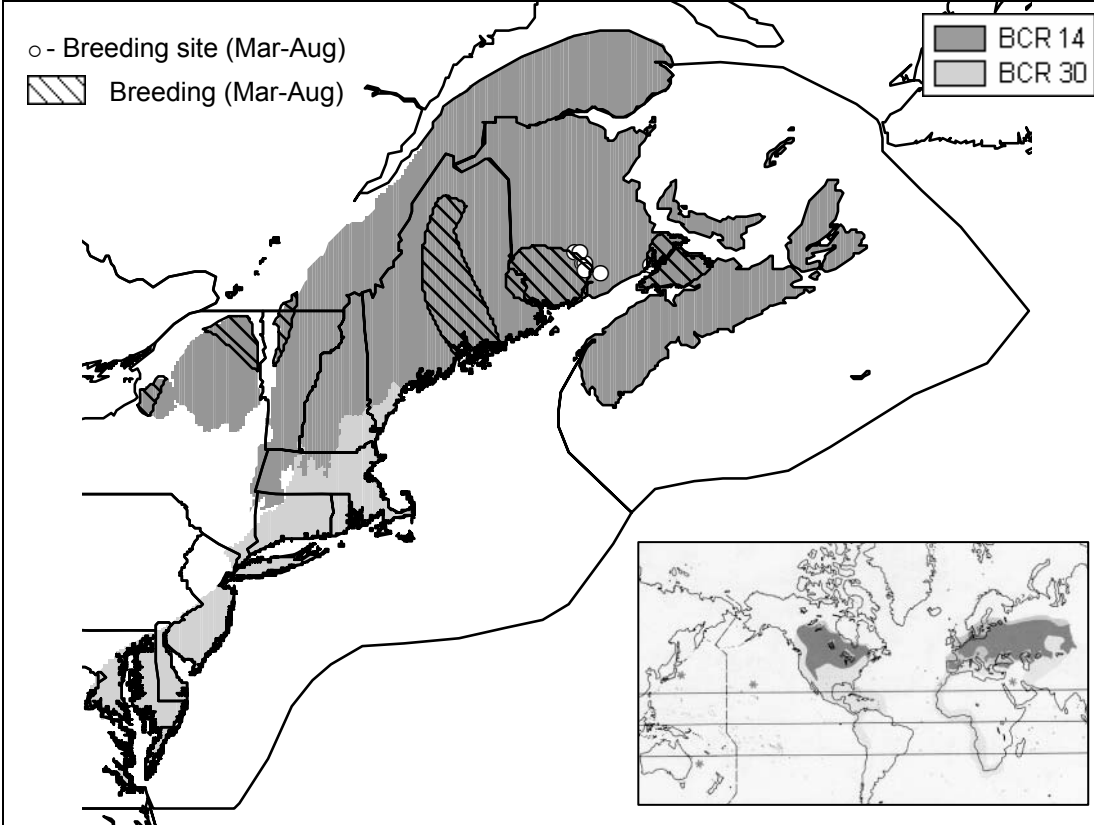


BLACK TERN (*Chlidonias niger surinamensis*)

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
450,000 – 1,300,000t	100,000 – 500,000b (33-58% global)	?b (? % NA)	0b (0% NA)	0b (0% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)	?b (? % MANEM)	300b (? % MANEM)
IUCN- Least Concern	NAWCP- Moderate Concern	Moderate Concern	Moderate Concern	NJ- SCSZN ; DE- SZN ; MD- SZN ; VA- SN State SGCN-NJ,DE,MD	NY- ES2B ; CT- SZN RI- no info; MA- SN ; VT- TS2B,S2N State SGCN-NY,VT	MA- SN ; NH- SZN ; ME- ES21B ; NB- S3B , NS- S1B MANEM Focal Species State SGCN-ME	QC- S4 ; NB- S3B ; PE- SZN ; NS- S1B



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds in BCR 14; migrates in BCR 30
- Habitats used: freshwater marshes, sloughs, wet meadows, sometimes cultivated rice fields; (breeding); seacoasts, bays, estuaries, freshwater lakes, and rivers (non-breeding); commuting range: ≤ 4 km

NAWCP BD=2; NAWCP ND=2

Regional Abundance

- 1990s: US—unknown; CAN—300b
- Historical population size: unknown
- Decline in US population; unknown in Canada

NAWCP PS=2; NAWCP PT=3

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Habitat alteration/degradation
- Nests can be easily washed away by increased water levels
- Decline in water quality, including acidification; pesticides affecting food sources
- Predation

NAWCP TB=4; NAWCP TN=3

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 65% fledged of chicks hatched/yr. *Conservation Actions:* Species will accept artificial wetlands such as rice fields, sewage settling ponds, and restored wetlands; preserve preferred emergent vegetation and nesting substrate; consider fish stocking. Difficult to census: nesting platforms have been successful. *Needs:* inventory and monitor; actively manage. *Population Goals:* restore (increase). *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: VT-Memphremagog; ME-Central/mid-coast Maine; NB-Minto; NS-Amherst. *Conservation Projects:* 23.