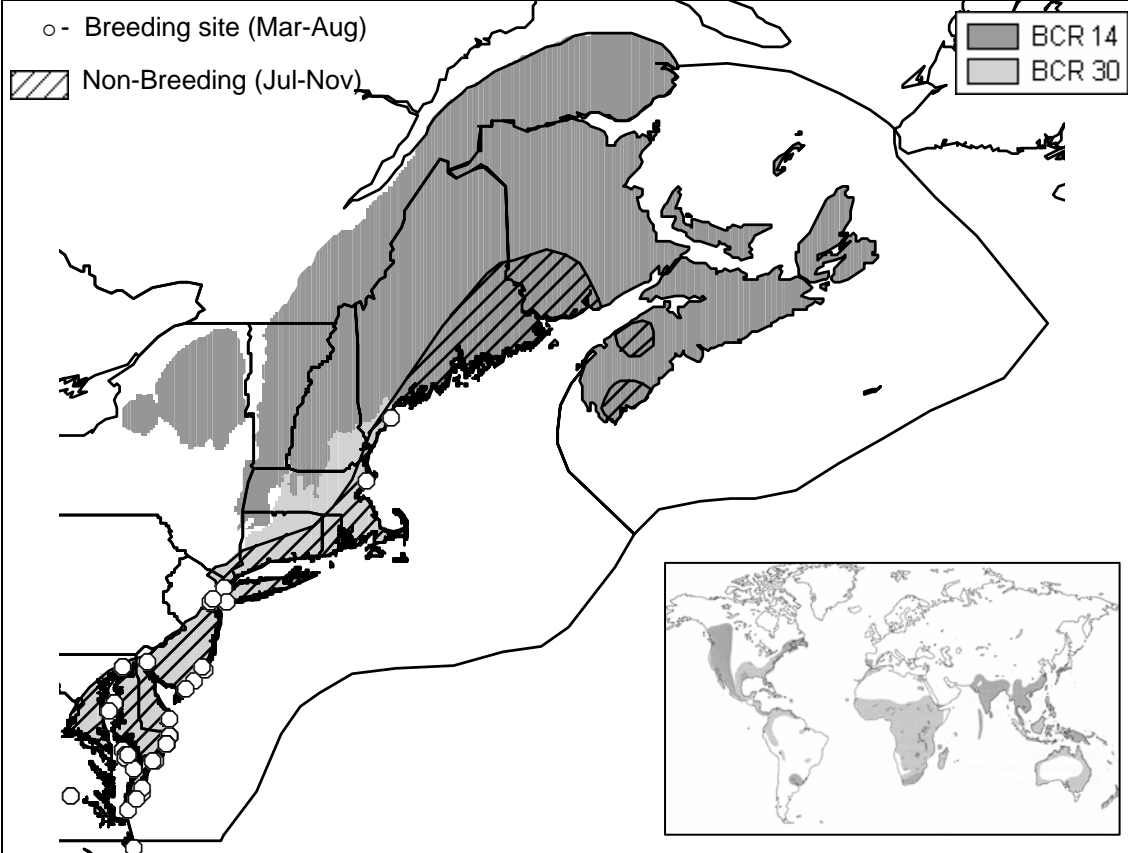


CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis ibis*)

| 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 |
| 3,800,000 – 6,700,000t | >750,000 –1,500,000t (20-22% global) | 2b (<1% NA) | 10,328b (2-41% NA) | 10,240b (99% MANEM) | 84b (<1% MANEM) | 6b (<1% MANEM) | 0b (0% MANEM) |
| IUCN- Least Concern | NAWCP- Lowest Concern | Lowest Concern | Lowest Concern | NJ- S4B; DE-S1B MD-S3S4B; VA-SE MANEM Focal Species State SGCN-NJ,DE | NY-S2; CT-S1B, SZN; RI- SCS1B, S3N ; MA-S1; VT-S1B,S1S2N State SGCN-NY,RI | MA-S1; NH-SZN; ME-S1B; NB, NS - no info State SGCN-ME | QC-SN; PE- no info; NB, NS - no info |



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds in BCR 30; migrates in region
- Habitats used: breeding: wet pasturelands and marshes (fresh-water and brackish), dry fields, trees; foraging: mainly in close association with grazing cattle or livestock, margins of aquatic areas and fields where machinery is being used on fields; migrants may forage on marine coasts; diverse diet

NAWCP BD=3; NAWCP ND=3

Regional Abundance

- 1990s: US—10,330b (34 colonies); CAN—0b
- 1970s: US—13,174b (27 colonies)
- 22% decrease in regional population

NAWCP PS=1; NAWCP PT=2

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Feeding sites/breeding areas directly affected by human activity
- Disturbance and predation at nesting colonies
- Populations that feed in frequently sprayed agricultural areas very susceptible to accumulated pesticide residues

NAWCP TB=2; NAWCP TN=2

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 2.5 fledglings/nest/yr. *Conservation Actions:* Prevent nuisance heronries through early detection and increased tolerance instead of relocation/removal, as disturbance during the nesting season can result in premature nest abandonment by young. *Needs:* assess productivity, assess contaminants impacts, monitor. *Population Goals:* restore (increase) to 11,300-13,900b. *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: VA-Chincoteague Group, Richmond Group, Pocomoke Sound; MD-Mid-Chesapeake Bay, Eastern Bay, Chincoteague Bay; DE-Pea Patch Group; NJ-Atlantic Co Coast. Protect non-breeding habitat in region. *Conservation Projects:* 11, 31, 32, 34, 38, 40, 41, 42, 45.