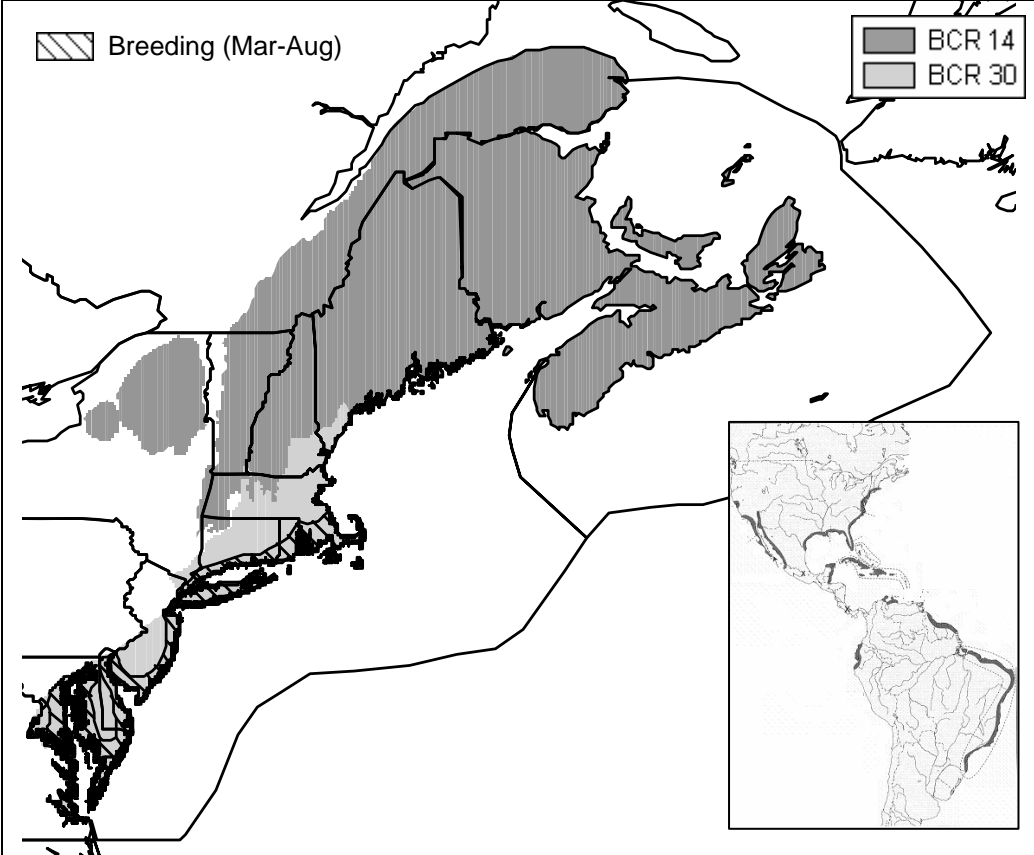


## CLAPPER RAIL (*Rallus longirostris crepitans*)

<b>Conservation Status:</b> 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
?	? (?% global)	?b (? % NA)	?b (? % NA)	?b (50 % MANEM)	?b (40 % MANEM)	?b (10 % MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)
IUCN – Least Concern	NAWCP- Moderate Concern	Moderate Concern	Moderate Concern	NJ-S5; DE-S5; MD- S3S4B, S3N; VA-S5 State SGCN-NJ,VA	NY-S3; CT-S3B, SZN; RI- SCS1B, S2N; MA-S?; VT-no info <b>MANEM Focal Species</b> State SGCN-CT,RI	MA-S?; NH- no info; ME-S1?N; NB, NS - no info	QC- no info; NB- no info; PE- no info; NS- no info



### Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds in BCR 30
- Habitats used: salt/brackish and freshwater marshes with dense vegetation; mangrove swamps; nests on ground with dead herbage, under small bushes, in grass tufts or rush clumps; forages in emergent vegetation, or along edges between marsh and mudflats

NAWCP BD=4; NAWCP ND=5

### Regional Abundance

- 1990s: US—unknown; CAN—0b
- Historical population size: unknown
- % change in regional population: unknown

NAWCP PS=2; NAWCP PT=3

### Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Habitat degradation
- Invasive species of vegetation
- Pesticides/contaminants
- Mammalian predators; introduced exotic predators
- Disturbance (human research, recreational activities)
- Collision with stationary and moving objects (TV towers, lighthouses, wires, fences, vehicles)
- Hunted game bird in US

NAWCP TB=4; NAWCP TN=4

**Conservation Needs:** *Sustainability:* 4.9-5.8 juveniles/adult/yr; up to 8.4 individuals/ha. *Conservation Actions:* Continue implementation of wetland protection laws. Tidal restoration and open-marsh water management necessary, and translocation to increase genetic variation of certain species has been shown to be beneficial. Respond to habitat enhancement. *Needs:* inventory and monitor, call-back survey, ID key habitat and restore. *Population Goals:* monitor. *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: MD-Blackwell-Fishing Bay, Fairmont; DE-Bombay Hook NWR, Rehoboth & Indian River Bays; NY-Harbor Herons Complex, Jamaica Bay; CT-Coastal Stamford; RI-Sakonnet River; MA-Ipswich-Parker. *Conservation Projects:* 34, 35, 58, 59.