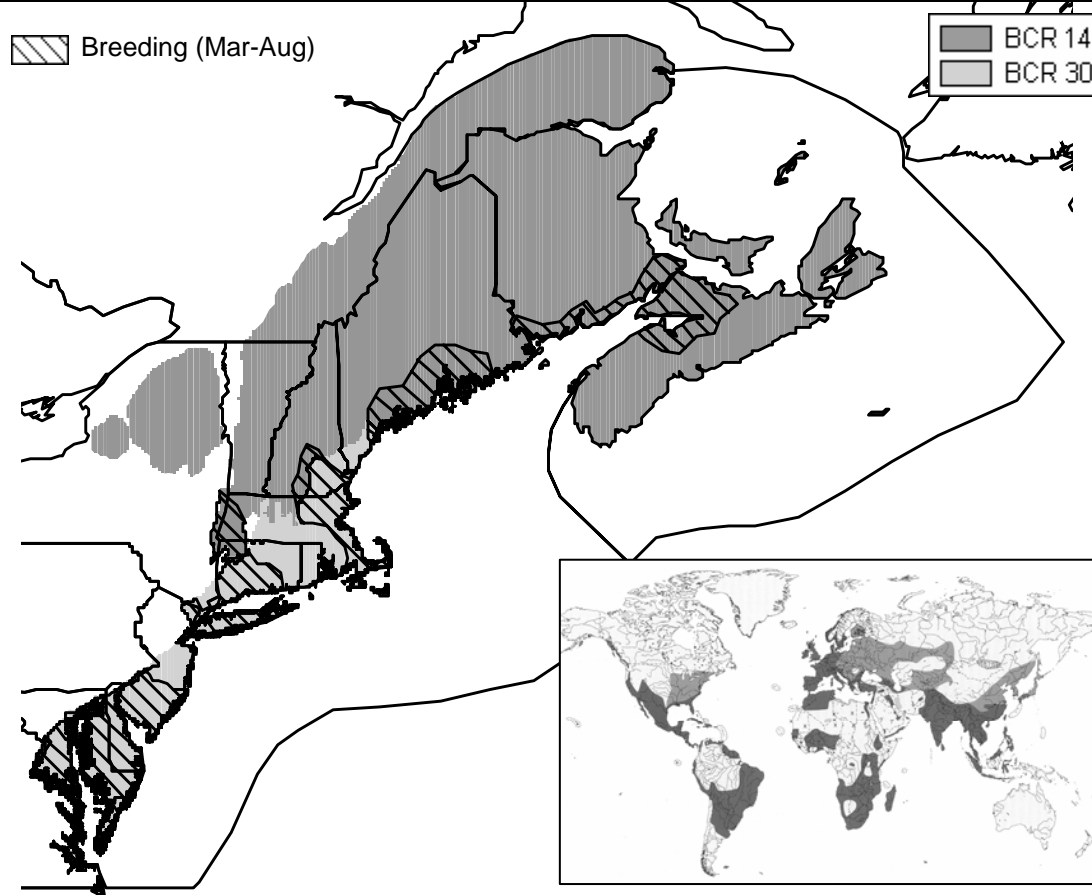


COMMON MOORHEN (*Gallinula chloropus cachinnans*)

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
1,700,000 – 3,300,000t	? (% global)	?b (? % NA)	?b (? % NA)	?b (25 % MANEM)	?b (20 % MANEM)	?b (30 % MANEM)	80b (25 % MANEM)
IUCN- Least Concern	NAWCP- Moderate Concern	Moderate Concern	Moderate Concern	NJ-S4; DE-S3B; MD-SCS2B, SAN; VA-S1B, S1N State SGCN-MD	NY-S4; CT-ES2B, SZN; RI-SHB, SAN; MA-SCS1; VT-S2B, S2N State SGCN-CT, RI, MA	MA-SCS1; NH-S2; ME-SCS2?B; NB-S2B; NS-S1B State SGCN-MA, NH, ME	QC-S4; NB-S2B; PE- no info; NS-S1B



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds in region
- Habitats used: fresh-water marshes, lakes, and ponds with grassy borders (breeding); builds nest-like platforms among marsh plants and shrubs over water; dense emergent vegetation with equal cover/open freshwater marsh (foraging); dives in submerged vegetation and among emergent plants; walks on floating mats or on shore; man-made habitats: lawns, fields, golf courses adjoining water

NAWCP BD=2; NAWCP ND=3

Regional Abundance

- 1990s: US—unknown; CAN—80b
- Historical population size: unknown
- % change in regional population: unknown

NAWCP PS=1; NAWCP PT=3

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Local population declines due to habitat loss and degradation, and flooding
- Predation; intraspecific competition
- Parasites
- Invasive species (vegetation, possibly introduced Mute Swans and resident Canada Geese)
- Environmental pollutants
- Hunted game bird in US

NAWCP TB=4; NAWCP TN=3

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 80% annual nest success rate; 17.5-20.0 pairs/ha. *Conservation Actions:* protect/enhance nesting sites and possibly construct artificial water bodies; restore and enhance freshwater marshes with representative vegetative cover and open water, especially where losses have been greatest. *Needs:* monitor. *Population Goals:* monitor. *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: VA-Huntley Meadows/Dogue Creek Wetlands; MD-Tanyard Wetlands; DE-Bombay Hook NWR; NY-Harbor Herons Complex; CT-Hartford; VT-West Rutland Wetlands; NH-Great Bay Wetlands; ME-Central/mid-coast Maine; NB-Moncton; NS-Tatamagouche Park. *Conservation Projects:* 24, 35, 59.