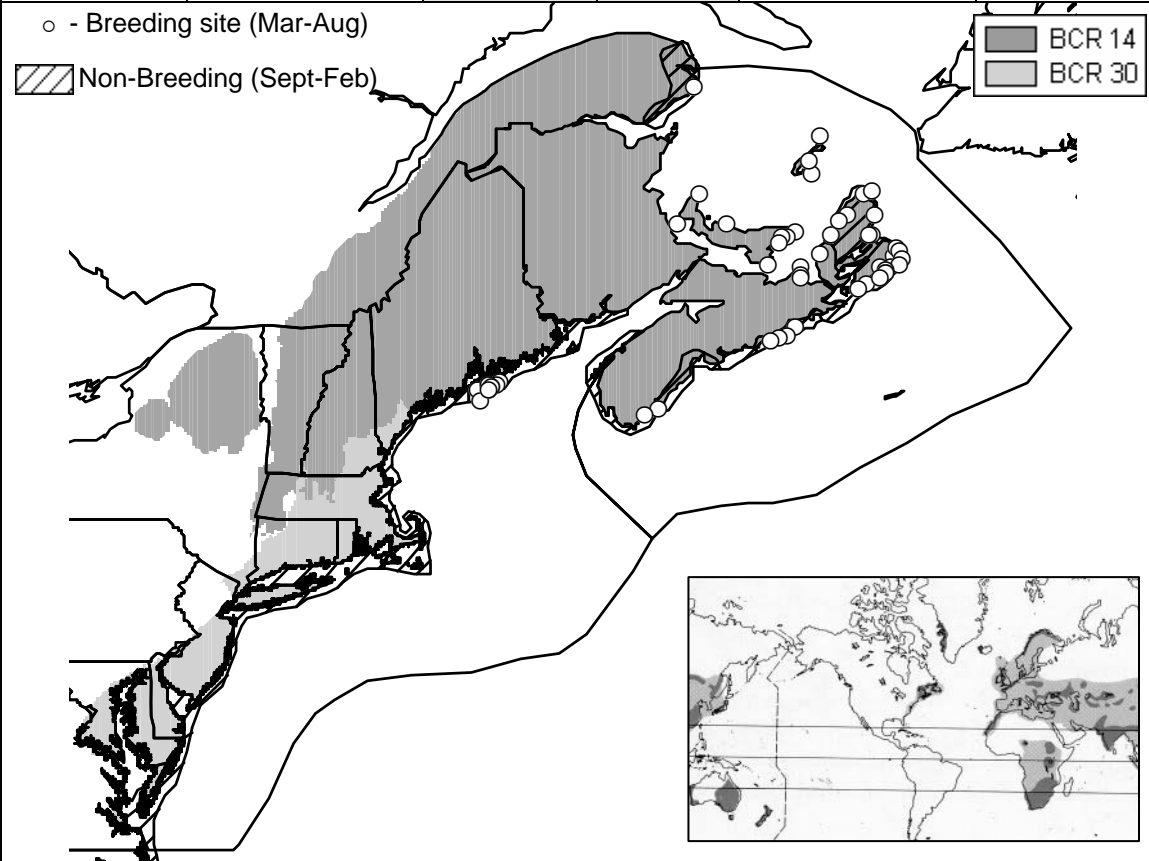


GREAT CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax carbo carbo*)

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
1,000,000 - 1,600,000t	12,300b (1-2% global)	12,298b (100% NA)	0b (0% NA)	0b (0% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)	378b (3% MANEM)	11,920b (97% MANEM)
IUCN- Least Concern	NAWCP- Moderate Concern	High Concern	Moderate Concern	NJ- S4N; DE- S2N; MD-S2N; VA-SN State SGCN-DE	NY-S?N; CT-SZN; RI- SZN; MA, VT- no info State SGCN-CT	MA-no info; NH-SZN; ME- SC S3B,S3N; NB-SZM,S3N; NS-S4B State SGCN-ME	QC- S4; NB- SZM, S3N; PE- S3B; NS-S4B MANEM Focal Species



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds in BCR 14; winters in region
- Habitats used: lakes, rivers, and seacoasts; nests in trees, on cliffs and along seacoasts; during breeding feeds in sheltered inshore waters (<20m deep) generally within few km of colony; surface diver up to 35 m, usually <10m; may feed in both marine and fresh water

NAWCP BD=4; NAWCP ND=4

Regional Abundance

- 1990s: US—378b (9 colonies); CAN—11,920b
- 1980s: US—190b (7 colonies)
- 98.9% increase in US population; stable in Canada

NAWCP PS=3; NAWCP PT=3

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Mortality in winter months from weather and food shortage
- Human disturbance, esp. when nesting in mixed colonies with gulls

NAWCP TB=2; NAWCP TN=2

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 2.2-2.4 young/nest/yr. *Conservation Actions:* Growth in population numbers in the 20th century likely due to reduction in the depredation of cormorants by fisheries (permits were issued for aquaculture facilities). *Needs:* monitor; *Population Goals:* maintain (above minimum) at 11,100-13,500b. *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: ME-Penobscot Bay, Duck Is & Jericho Bay; NS-Bird Is, Nagshead Group; PE-West Pt Group, Morrissey Cove; QC-Magdalen Is. Protect non-breeding habitat of nearshore shelf waters of Northeast US Continental Shelf, Gulf of Maine, and Scotian Shelf. *Conservation Projects:* 15, 28, 29, 39, 84, 85, 88.