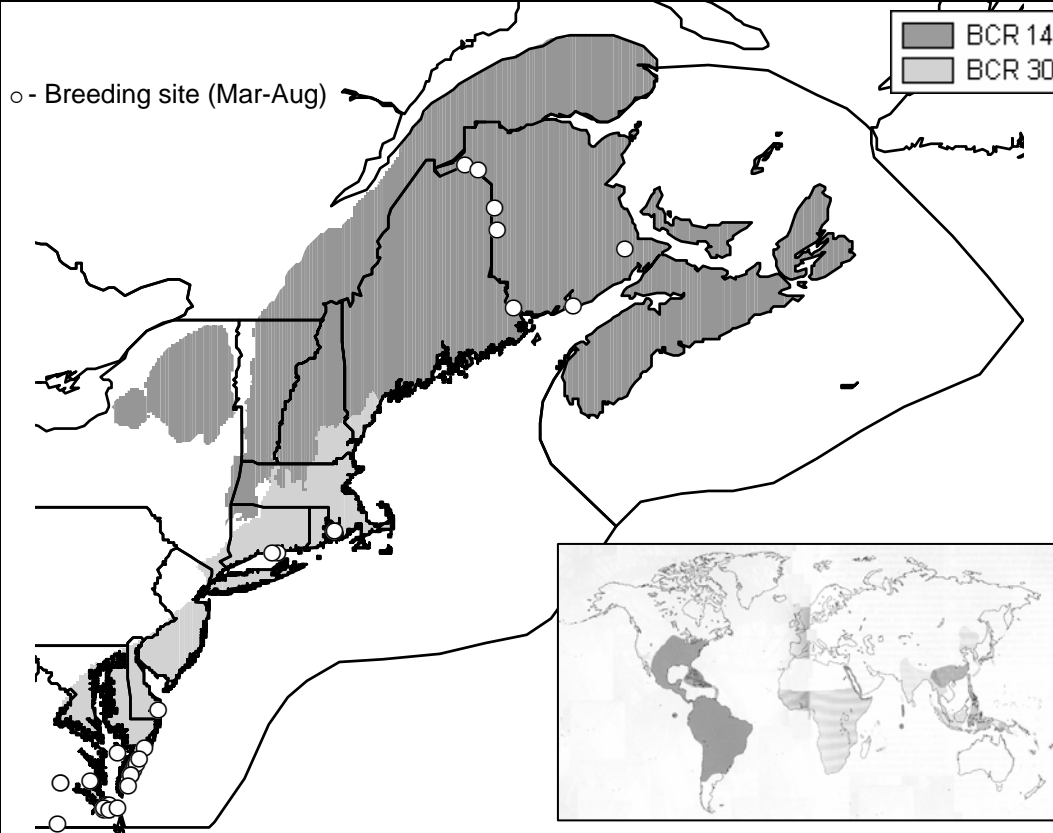


## GREEN HERON (*Butorides virescens virescens*)

<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)	30b (? % NA)	408b (? % NA)	394b (90% MANEM)	14b (3% MANEM)	?b (? % MANEM)	30b (7% MANEM)
IUCN- Least Concern	NAWCP- Low Concern	Low Concern	Low Concern	NJ- S4B; DE-S4B; MD-S5B; VA-S5 State SGCN-NJ,VA	NY-S5; CT-S5B, SZN; RI- S5B, S5N; MA-S4; VT- S4B, S4N State SGCN-CT,MA	MA-S4, NH-S5B; ME- S3S4B; NB- S2B; NS- no info State SGCN-MA	QC-S4; NB, NS - no info; PE- no info



### Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds in region
- Habitats used: breeds in ponds, rivers, lakes, marshes, swamps, and mangroves, in trees in wooded areas in both fresh-water and brackish habitats; forages along water's edge in very shallow water; uses vegetation and rocks to access deeper water; plunges after prey into deeper water; generally under cover of thick vegetation but will feed on open mudflats, tide channels, open marshes, pond edges, and golf ponds

NAWCP BD=2; NAWCP ND=4

### Regional Abundance

- 1990s: US—408b (15 colonies); CAN—30b
- 1970s: US—48b (8 colonies)
- Increase in US population; unknown in Canada

NAWCP PS=3; NAWCP PT=2

### Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Pesticides/contaminants
- Predation on eggs and young, esp. by snakes, raccoons, grackles, and crows
- Increased recreational use of river channels lead to decreased use and foraging time

NAWCP TB=2; NAWCP TN=3

**Conservation Needs:** *Sustainability:* 78.8% nests successful/yr. *Conservation Actions:* Conserve and manage wetlands, focus on foraging/habitat needs. Some man-made water bodies have created suitable artificial habitat, such as reservoirs, water marshes used for mosquito control, and dredged material islands. *Needs:* monitor. *Population Goals:* maintain (above minimum). *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: DE-Prime Hook NWR; NY-Jamaica Bay, S Oyster Bay, Moriches Bay; RI-Narragansett Bay, Block Is, Ninigret & Quonochontaug Ponds, Blackstone River; MA-Middle Berkshire, SW Berkshire, Sudbury, S Bristol, Charles, N Plymouth, Ipswich-Parker; NY-Happy Valley Area, Four Bros/Ticonderoga Area; VT-W Rutland Wetlands; NH-Winnepesaukee Region; ME-Central/mid-coast Maine. *Conservation Projects:* 11, 22, 24, 32, 34, 38, 45.