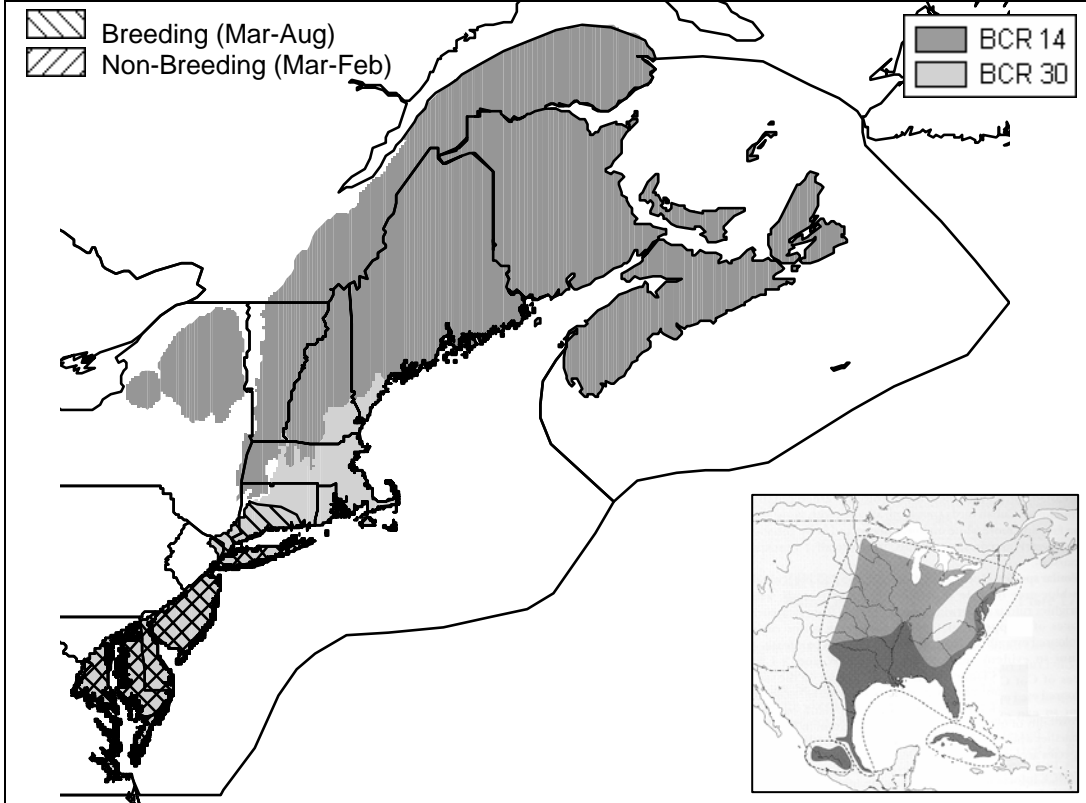


KING RAIL (*Rallus elegans elegans*)

| 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 |
| ? | ? (100% global) | ?b (?% NA) | ?b (?% NA) | ?b (80% MANEM) | ?b (20% MANEM) | 0b (0% MANEM) | 0b (0% MANEM) |
| IUCN- Least Concern | NAWCP- High Concern | | High Concern | NJ-SCS3B,S?N; DE-S2; MD-S3S4B,S2N; VA-S2B, S3N MANEM Focal Species State SGCN-NJ,DE,MD,VA | NY-TS1B, SZN; CT-ES1B, SZN; RI-SCS1B, S1N; MA-TS1; VT-no info State SGCN-NY,CT,RI, MA | MA-TS1; NH-SHB; ME-S1?N, SPB; NB, NS- no info State SGCN-MA | QC- no info; NB- no info; PE, NS- no info |



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds and winters in BCR 30
- Habitats used: fresh and brackish marshes with sedge, rush and cattail (breeding); areas concealed by plant cover or comparatively open areas where blend with surroundings (foraging); in tidal areas at low tide, very shallow water, on land near water, palustrine emergent wetlands

NAWCP BD=3; NAWCP ND=4

Regional Abundance

- Current population size: US--unknown ; CAN—0
- Historical population size: unknown
- % change in regional population: unknown

NAWCP PS=3?; NAWCP PT=5

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Loss and degradation of wetlands; flooding of nests
- Invasive species of vegetation
- Collision with illuminated structures (TV towers, tall buildings, lighthouses)
- Hunted game bird in US; incidentally caught in muskrat traps

NAWCP TB=4; NAWCP TN=4

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 81% successful nests/yr; 3.7-24 along 1-mile route. *Conservation Actions:* Maintain natural swales for nesting and foraging purposes. Promote open water management. Discourage artificial land leveling and roadside mowing of borrow areas during nesting and brood periods. Desired vegetation should be grown within the interior, not the periphery, of managed wetland sites. *Needs:* Determine breeding vs. migratory population, ID limiting factors, automated call-survey, inventory and monitor, ID key nesting areas, manage habitat at nesting and wintering sites (invasive species control). *Population Goals:* restore (increase). *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: VA-Huntley Meadows/Dogue Cr Wetlands; MD-Tanyard Wetlands; DE-Bombay Hook NWR; NY-Westchester Coast; CT-Lords Cove; RI-Ninigret & Quonochontaug Ponds. Protect non-breeding habitat in BCR 30. *Conservation Projects:* 34, 35, 58, 59.