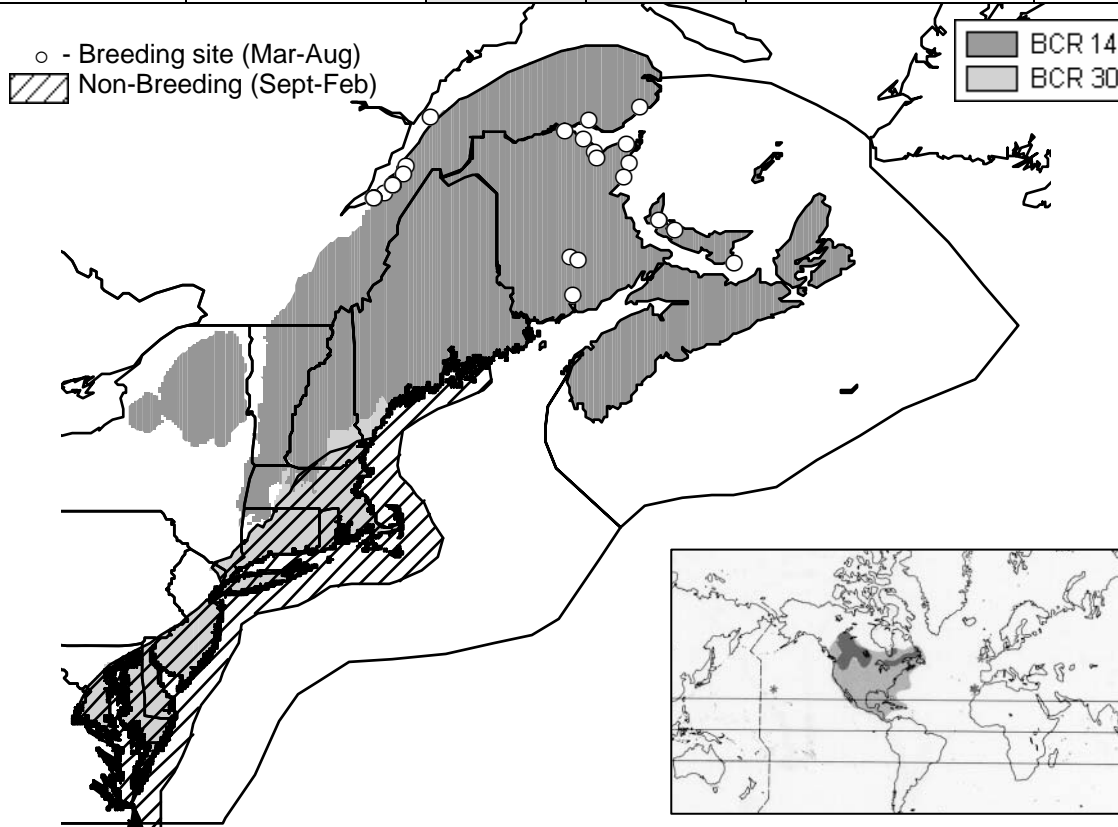


RING-BILLED GULL (*Larus delawarensis*)

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
2,600,000t	1,700,000b (98% global)	40,844b (2% NA)	0b (0% NA)	0b (0% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)	40,844b (100% MANEM)
IUCN- Least Concern	NAWCP- Lowest Concern	Lowest Concern	Lowest Concern	NJ-SPB, S5N; DE-SZN; MD-S5N; VA-SN	NY-S4; CT-SZN; RI- SZN; MA-SN; VT-S4B,S5N	MA-SN; NH-SZN; ME-S2B, S5N; NB-S4B, NS-S5M	QC-S5; NB-S4B; PE- S1B, S5N; NS-S5M



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds in BCR 14; winters and migrates in region
- Habitats used: breeds in seacoasts, bays, estuaries, rivers, lakes, ponds, irrigated and plowed fields; rocky, grassy and sandy islets or isolated shores; 2-31 km foraging range; opportunistic feeder; on land and in water in a variety of habitats

NAWCP BD=2; NAWCP ND=2

Regional Abundance

- 1990s: Canada—40,844b (13 colonies)
- Historical population size: Canada--? (? colonies)
- 8-11%/year increase in regional population since 1976

NAWCP PS=1; NAWCP PT=1

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Habitat degradation/loss due to fluctuating water levels, flooding and erosion
- Disturbance at nesting sites
- Pesticides and environmental contaminants

NAWCP TB=1; NAWCP TN=1

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 1.89 fledglings/pair/yr. *Conservation Actions:* Gull control measures (e.g. scaring, egg destruction, use of monofilament line and habitat alteration to prevent colonization) necessary in some areas, esp. around airports; ease conflicts with public at public use areas; ease competition with COTE Terns for nests sites. *Needs:* monitor. *Population Goals:* maintain (below maximum) at 36,700-44,900b. *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: NB-Tabusintac, Tracadie Bar; PE-Poverty Beach Group, Oultons Is Group, West Pt Group; QC-W St Lawrence. Protect non-breeding habitat of nearshore shelf waters of Northeast US Continental Shelf and Gulf of Maine. *Conservation Projects:* 67.