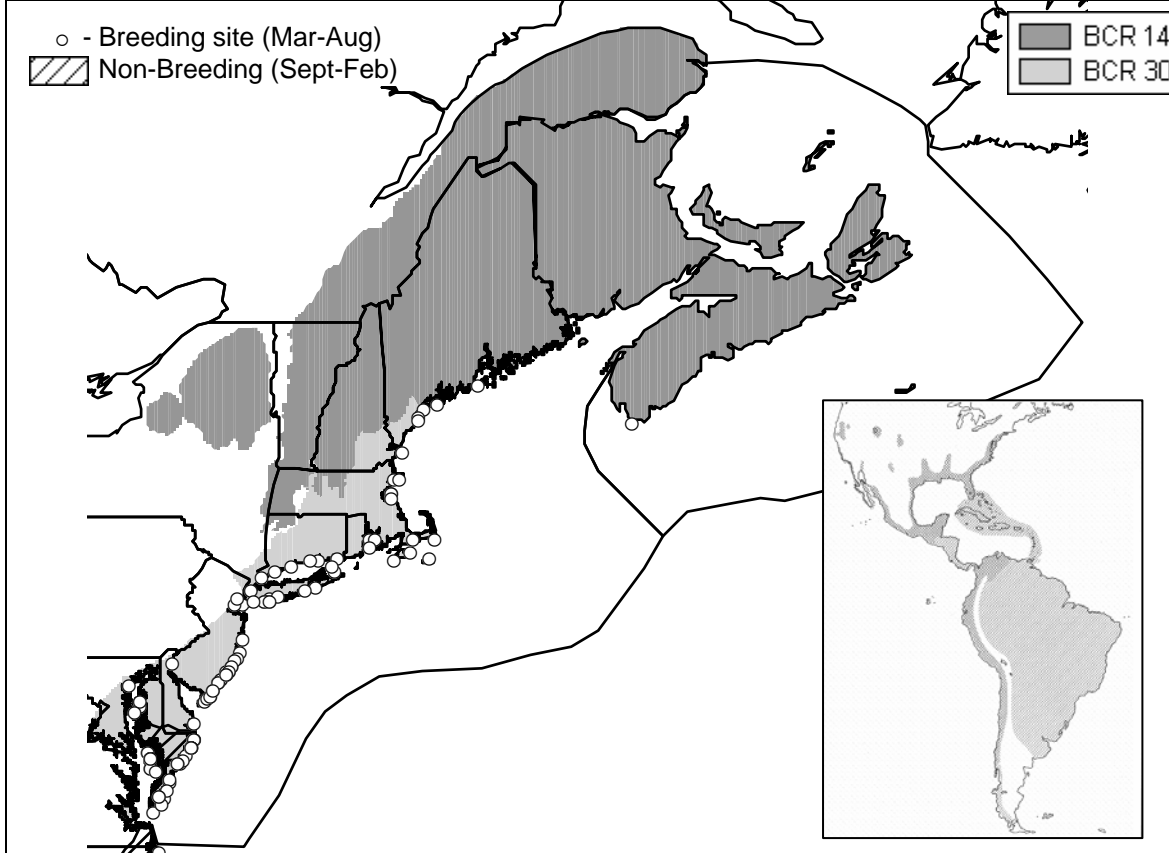


SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula thula*)

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
?	>143,555b (?% global)	372b (<1% NA)	15,402b (11% NA)	12,816b (81% MANEM)	1,674b (11% MANEM)	1,274b (8% MANEM)	10b (<1% MANEM)
IUCN- Least Concern	NAWCP- High Concern	High Concern	High Concern	NJ-SCS3B,S4N; DE-S1B; MD-S3S4B; VA-S2B,S3N MANEM Focal Species State SGCN-NJ,DE,MD	NY-S2S3; CT-TS1B,SZN; RI- SCS1B,SZN; MA-S1; VT-no info MANEM Focal Species State SGCN-NY,CT,RI,MA	MA-S1; NH-SZN; ME- S3B; NB, NS- no info MANEM Focal Species State SGCN-MA,ME	QC-no info; PE- no info; NB, NS- no info



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds in region; winters in BCR 30
- Habitats used: breeding: marshes, lakes, ponds, lagoons, mangroves, shallow coastal habitats; bushes and trees; foraging: 2.8 km from colony (typically <1.4 km); salt marsh pools, tidal channels, flats, freshwater marshes/swamps, ocean inlets, lake margins, brackish or marine habitats with shallow water and shoreline

NAWCP BD=3; NAWCP ND=4

Regional Abundance

- 1990s: US—15,764b (87 colonies); CAN—10b
- 1970s: US—20,288b (83 colonies)
- 22% decrease in regional population

NAWCP PS=2; NAWCP PT=4

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Loss/degradation of wetland nesting and foraging habitat limiting in some areas
- Predation (esp. raccoons) and disturbance at nesting colonies
- Contamination (oil, pesticides)
- Ingestion of plastics and Styrofoam documented

NAWCP TB=4; NAWCP TN=3

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 3.2 chicks fledged/nesting female/yr. *Conservation Actions:* Renewed monitoring and research due to decreasing populations across part of range. Restore colony-sites and maintain important wintering areas. Species responds well to protective listing and management measures. *Needs:* assess productivity, monitor site-specific impacts, manage disturbance at nesting sites, ID potential nesting areas and key foraging areas for existing and historical colonies, monitor colonies for predator activity, and institute predator control regimes at early signs of predator pressure. *Population Goals:* restore (increase) to 18,300-22,300b. *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: VA-Chincoteague Group, Pocomoke Sound; MD-Mid-Chesapeake Bay; DE-Pea Patch Group, Reedy Islands; NJ-Great Sound Group, Ludlam Bay Group, Atlantic Co Coast; NY-Staten Island, Brother Islands Group; CT-Great Captain's, Milford; RI-Narragansett Bay; MA-North Shore, Boston Harbor, Monomoy; ME-Saco Bay, Casco Bay. Protect non-breeding habitat in BCR 30. *Conservation Projects:* 11, 31, 32, 34, 38, 40, 41, 42, 45, 75, 76.