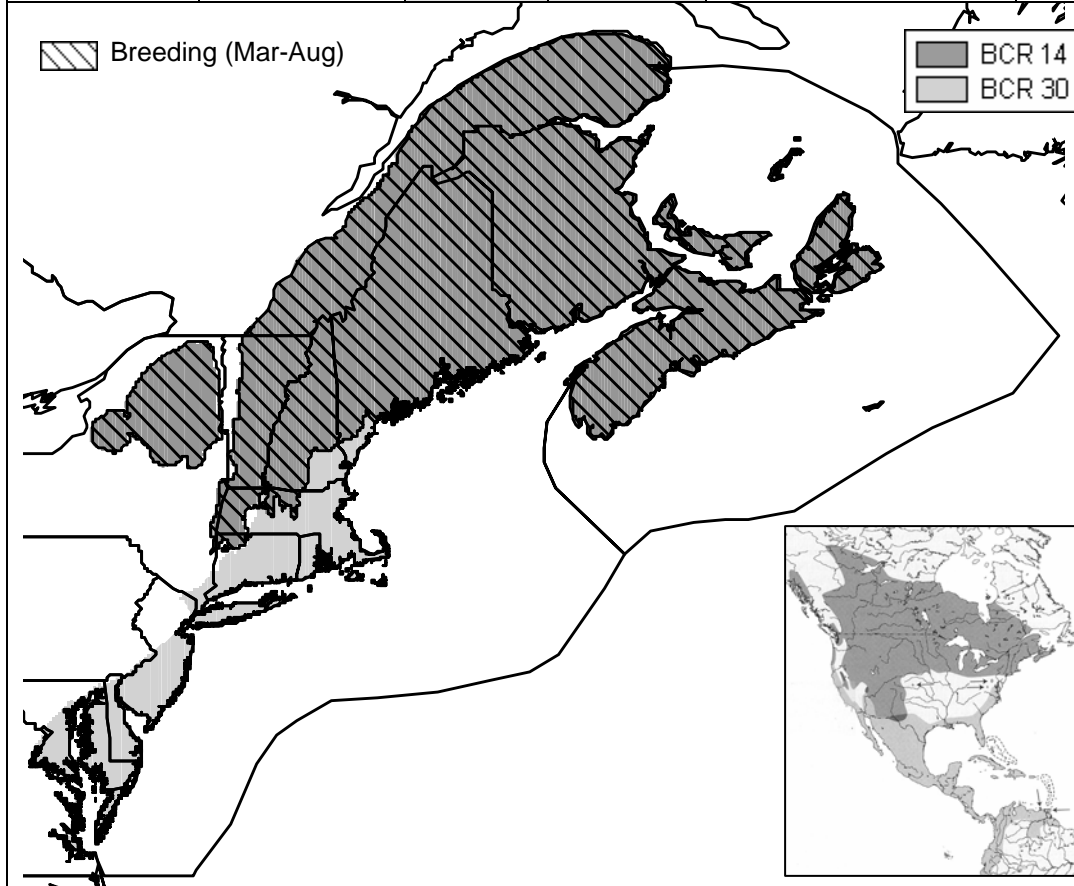


SORA (*Porzana carolina*)

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
?	? (80?% global)	?b (? % NA)	?b (? % NA)	?b (0 % MANEM)	?b (20 % MANEM)	?b (40 % MANEM)	6,000b (40 % MANEM)
IUCN- Least Concern	NAWCP- High Concern	High Concern	High Concern	NJ-S4; DE-S2; MD-S1B, S2N; VA-S1B, S2N State SGCN-NJ,DE	NY-S4; CT-S2B, S2N; RI-SCS1B, S1N; MA-S3; VT-SCS2S3B,S3N State SGCN-CT,RI,MA,VT	MA-S3; NH-S3B; ME- S4B; NB-S4B; NS-S4B State SGCN-MA	QC-S5; NB- S4B; PE- S5B; NS- S4B



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds and migrates in region
- Habitats used: fresh-water marshes, flooded fields, open flats (breeding); stands of emergent vegetation interspersed with shorter, seed-producing emergents or floating and submergent vegetation (foraging); shallower portions of wetlands, upland fields, row crops; migrants feed in wetlands with tall emergent vegetation with wild/cultivated rice; prefer water depths 5-15 cm (up to 46 cm)

NAWCP BD=3; NAWCP ND=3

Regional Abundance

- Current population size: unknown
- Historical population size: unknown
- Suspected decrease in regional population

NAWCP PS=2; NAWCP PT=4

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Loss and degradation of wetlands; decreasing water level leads to reduction in suitable habitat, loss of suitable stopover sites
- Invasive species of vegetation
- Imposing resident Canada Geese and Mute Swans
- Collisions with tall, lighted towers and overhead wires
- Human disturbance leads to nest abandonment
- Hunted game bird in US

NAWCP TB=4; NAWCP TN=4

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 0.9 eggs hatched/eggs laid/yr; 1.5-3.1 wintering birds/ha. *Conservation Actions:* Preserve wetlands that provide breeding, migration, and wintering habitats. Introduce policies that eliminate/minimize effects of wetland draining/filling, pollution and invasion of exotic plants and promote the restoration of wild rice as stopover sites. *Needs:* monitor, call-back surveys, ID of key nesting areas, habitat management at nesting and wintering sites (invasive species control). *Population Goals:* monitor. *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: VA-Freeschool Marsh; MD-Blackwater-Fishing Bay, Deal Island; NY-Grassy Sprain Reservoir; CT-Pomperaug; RI-Belleville Pond, Blackstone River; MA-Ipswich-Parker; VT-W Rutland Wetlands; NH-Great Bay Wetlands; ME-Central/mid-coast Maine; NB-Minto; NS-Tatamagouche Park; PE-St Peters, Charlottetown. *Conservation Projects:* 22, 24, 34, 35, 83.