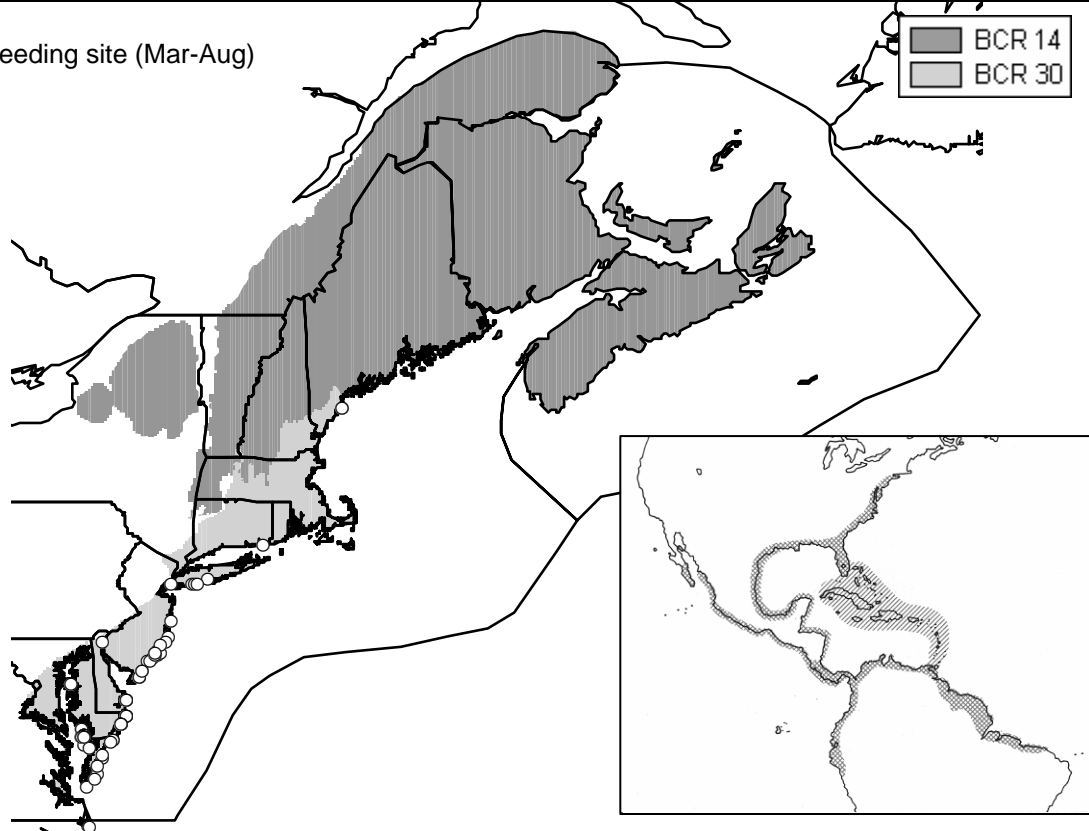


TRICOLORED HERON (*Egretta tricolor ruficollis*)

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
?	<194,000b (?% global)	8b (<1% NA)	4,208b (2% NA)	4,206b (>99% MANEM)	2b (<1% MANEM)	8b (<1% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)
IUCN- Least Concern	NAWCP- High Concern		High Concern	NJ-SCS3B; DE-S1B; MD-S3B; VA-SCS2B, S3N State SGCN-NJ,DE,MD,VA	NY-S2; CT-S1B, SZN; RI- S2N; MA-S1; VT-no info State SGCN-NY	MA-S1; NH-SZN; ME-S1B; NB, NS- no info State SGCN-ME	QC-SN; PE-no info; NS, NS- no info

○ - Breeding site (Mar-Aug)



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds in BCR 30
- Habitats used: marshes, ponds, and rivers; breeds primarily near salt water, on trees and in grasses on ground, rarely in inland fresh-water situations; mean foraging radius 5.6 km (up to 25 km); post-breeding birds forage farther away from colony; forage in wetlands, usually in open or semi-open areas with low vegetation; brackish or salt marsh; shoreline

NAWCP BD=4; NAWCP ND=4

Regional Abundance

- 1990s: US—4,216b (51 colonies)
- 1970s: US—858b (19 colonies)
- 391% increase in regional population

NAWCP PS=3; NAWCP PT=4

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Disturbance/development of nesting and foraging habitat
- Shoreline erosion
- Predation at nesting colonies
- Storms

NAWCP TB=4; NAWCP TN=3

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 1.9-3.0 young/successful nest/yr. *Conservation Actions:* Preserve suitable nesting and foraging habitat. *Needs:* monitor, ID potential nesting areas and key foraging areas for existing and historical colonies (can abandon colonies with little notice), research productivity at nesting colonies, monitor colonies for predator activity and institute predator control regimes at early signs of predator pressure. *Population Goals:* maintain (above minimum) at 3,800-4,600b. *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: VA-Chincoteague Group, Barrier Is Group, Pocomoke Sound; MD-Mid-Chesapeake Bay; NJ-Atlantic Co Coast. *Conservation Projects:* 40, 41, 45.