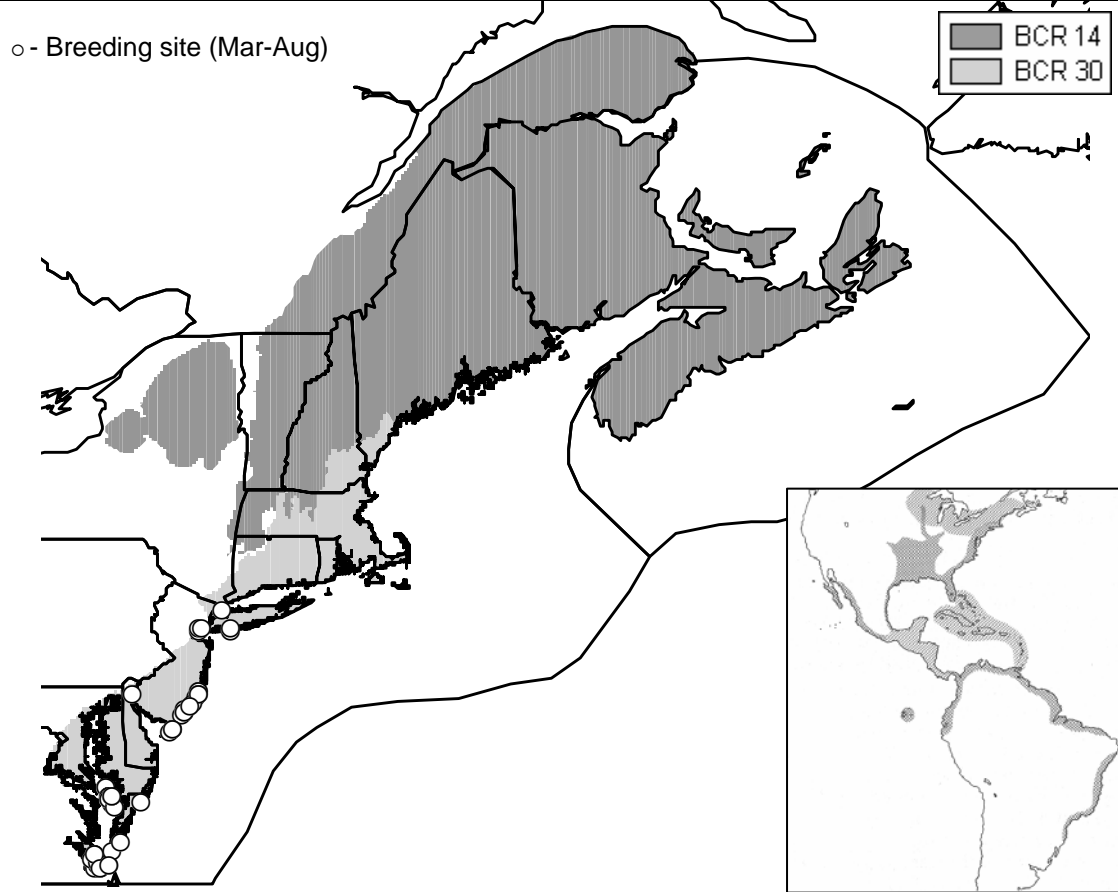


YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON (*Nyctanassa violacea violacea*)

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
85,000 – 160,000t	50,000 – 100,000b (88-94% global)	0b (0% NA)	1,620b (2-3% NA)	1,592b (98% MANEM)	28b (2% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)
IUCN- Least Concern	NAWCP- Moderate Concern		Moderate Concern	NJ- TS2B; DE-ES1B; MD-S2B; VA-SCS2B, S3N MANEM Focal Species State SGCN-NJ,DE,MD,VA	NY-S2; CT-SCS1B,SZN; RI- SCS1B,S1N; MA-S1; VT-no info State SGCN-NY,CT,RI	MA-S1; NH-no info; ME-no info; NB, NS- no info	QC-no info; PE-no info; NB, NS- no info



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds and migrates in BCR 30
- Habitats used: marshes, swamps, lakes, lagoons, and mangroves; breeds in trees in wooded areas near water; forages along water margins including tidal marshes, tide pools, mudflats, beaches, rocky shorelines, ponds, rivers and creeks (0.5-1.4 km foraging distance); shallow waters in tidal creeks, surf, swamps and mangroves; occasionally in upland sites (i.e. plowed fields, lawns); will use human made aquatic habitat like shrimp farms and sewage treatment plants; prefer marshes dominated with cordgrass near nest sites

NAWCP BD=3; NAWCP ND=5

Regional Abundance

- 1990s: US—1,620b (46 colonies)
- 1970s: US—512b (31 colonies)
- 216% increase in regional population

NAWCP PT=3; NAWCP PS=?

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Degradation/loss of wetland nesting and foraging habitat
- Predation at nesting colonies
- Human disturbance at nesting colonies
- Pesticides and other environmental contaminants lower reproductive success

NAWCP TB=2; NAWCP TN=3

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 3.6 fledged/nest/yr. *Conservation Actions:* No current management actions; educational programs initiated to reduce conflicts in residential areas. *Needs:* ID nesting sites, monitor, mediate conflicts with public. *Population Goals:* maintain (above minimum) at 1,600-1,800b. *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: VA-Pocomoke Sound, Hampton Group, Chincoteague Group; MD-Mid-Chesapeake Bay; DE-Pea Patch Group; NJ-Atlantic Co Coast. *Conservation Projects:* 32, 34, 38, 40, 41, 42, 45, 46.