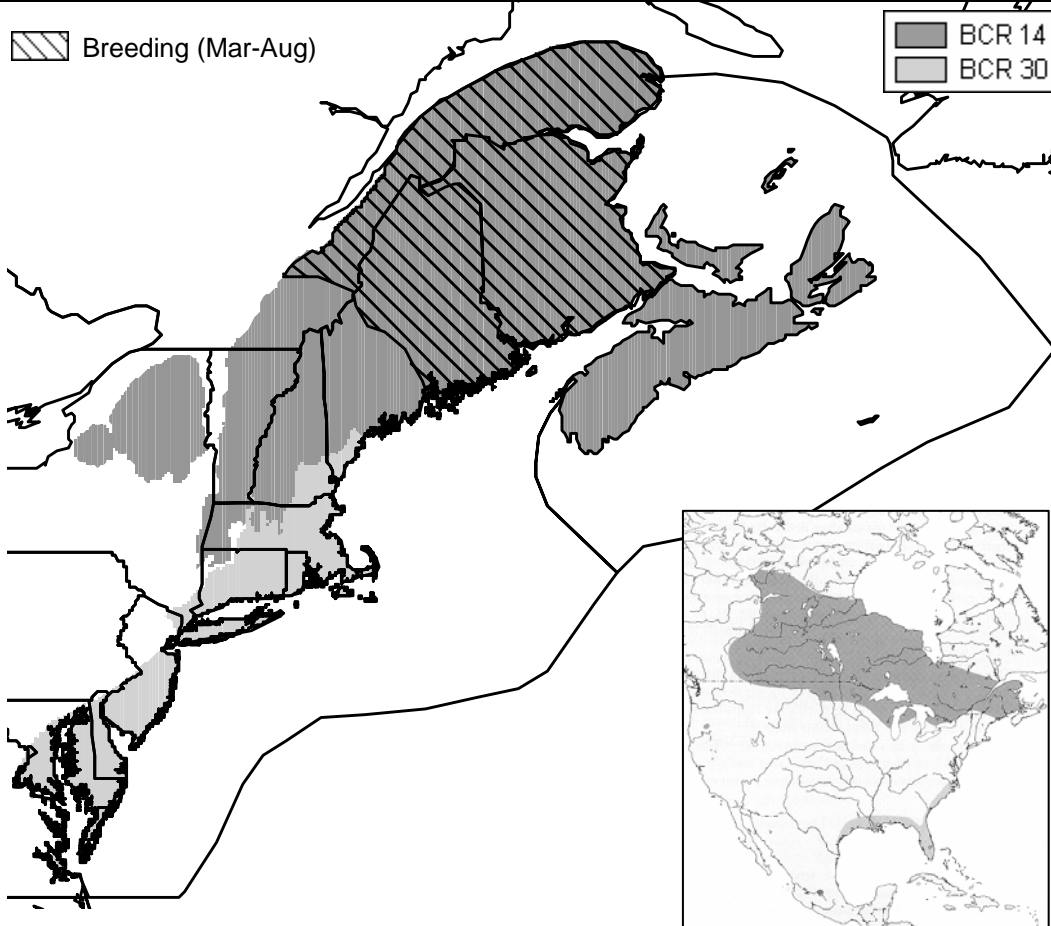


YELLOW RAIL (*Coturnicops noveboracensis noveboracensis*)

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
10,000 – 25,000t	10,000 – 25,000t (100 % global)	?b (? % NA)	?b (? % NA)	0b (0% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)	?b (40 % MANEM)	212b (60 % MANEM)
IUCN- Least Concern	NAWCP- High Concern	High Concern		NJ-S?N; DE- no info; MD-no info; VA-SN State SGCN-DE,VA	NY-S?N; CT-no info; RI- no info; MA-S?; VT- no info State SGCN-NY	MA-S?; NH- no info; ME- no info; NB - S1?B; NS - no info State SGCN-ME	QC-S2; NB-S1?B; PE- SRB; NS-? MANEM Focal Species

Breeding (Mar-Aug)

BCR 14
 BCR 30



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds in BCR 14
- Habitats used: fresh-water marshes and wet sedge meadows (breeding); brackish marshes and deep, dense grasses and grain fields (wintering); wet sedge meadows with moist substrate to standing water (foraging); deepest water 46 cm; brackish-water estuarine and salted high marshlands (most likely to occur in high marshlands dominated by sedges and grasses); coastal marshes periodically inundated by salted waters

NAWCP BD=3; NAWCP ND=4

Regional Abundance

- Current population size: unknown
- Historical population size: unknown
- % change in regional population: unknown

NAWCP PS=3; NAWCP PT=4

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Habitat destruction due to coastal development and natural succession; breeding grounds used for hay/pastures; excessive grazing removes needed cover (species very habitat-specific)
- Invasive species of vegetation
- Predation by long-legged waders
- Water level changes; stream alteration projects lower the water table and destroy marsh habitat
- Tower kills during migration
- Non-hunted game bird in US

NAWCP TB=4; NAWCP TN=5

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* mean 8 eggs/clutch/yr; 1 breeding male/25 ha. *Conservation Actions:* Practice controlled burning to remove invasive plants in breeding areas. Maintain areas of preferred topography that include natural swales, wet sedge meadows, and marsh habitat. *Needs:* monitor; ID and manage migratory route. *Population Goals:* monitor. *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: NB-Minto, Moncton; QC-?. *Conservation Projects:* 72, 84.