

Appendix A

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Refuge shorebird nesting area

Species of Conservation Concern at Nantucket National Wildlife Refuge

Table A.1. Bird Species of Conservation Concern Known or Suspected on the Refuge.

Species	Federal Legal Status ¹	MA Legal Status ¹	MA CWCS ²	MA Rarity Rank ³	BCC 2008 ⁴	BCC National ⁵	BCR 30 ⁶	PIF ⁷	NAWCP ⁸	NAWMP ACJV ⁹	MANEM ¹⁰	US SCP ¹¹	Status ¹²	LCC Representative Species ¹³
American oystercatcher			X	S2	X	X	Highest	IA				4	B	X
Black tern				S2N					Moderate		High		M	
Canada goose (Atlantic)							Highest			High			W	
Canada goose (North Atlantic)							High			Moderately high				
Common eider			X				High			High			W	X
Common tern		SC	X	S3			Moderate				Highest *		B, M	X
Dunlin						X	High						M	
Herring gull				S3S4B							High *		B	
Least sandpiper							Moderate						M	
Least tern		SC	X	S3	X	X	High		High		Highest *		B, M	
Northern harrier		T	X	S1									B	
Piping plover	T	T	X	S2			Highest	IA					B	X
Roseate tern	E	E	X	S2			Highest	IV	High		Highest *		HB, M	
Sanderling			X				Highest						M	
Semipalmated plover							Moderate						M	
Semipalmated sandpiper					X	X	High						M	X
Short-billed dowitcher			X	SNA	X	X	High						M	

¹ Federal and State Legal Status Codes (under Federal & State Endangered Species Acts)

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² Massachusetts Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (CWCS): Species of greatest conservation concern (SGCN) (MA DFW 2006)

³ Massachusetts Natural Heritage Inventory Rarity Ranks (MA DFW 2006, NatureServe 2009)

S1 = Critically imperiled

S2 = Imperiled

S3 = Either very rare or uncommon, vulnerable

S4 = Widespread, abundant, apparently secure

S5 = Secure

SH = Historical

SX = Presumed extirpated

B = Breeding

N = Non-breeding

Species included in table only if Srank less than S3

⁴ Birds of Conservation Concern (BCC) 2008 (Bird Conservation Region 14 List) (USFWS 2008)

⁵ Birds of Conservation Concern (BCC) National List (USFWS 2008)

⁶ BCR 30: New England / Mid-Atlantic Coast Conservation Priority Category (Steinkamp 2006)

Highest Priority: High BCR Concern and High BCR Responsibility and (High or Moderate Continental Concern)

High Priority: High Continental Concern and Moderate BCR Responsibility OR Moderate BCR Concern and High BCR Responsibility

Moderate Priority: Moderate BCR Concern and Moderate BCR Responsibility OR High Continental Concern and Low BCR Responsibility OR High BCR Responsibility and Low BCR Concern

⁷ Partner's in Flight (PIF) Bird Conservation Plan for Southern New England: Physiographic Area 09 (Dettmers and Rosenberg 2000)

IA = High continental concern & high regional responsibility

IB = High continental concern & low regional responsibility

IIA = High regional concern

IIB = High regional responsibility

III = Additional Federal-listed

IV = Additional State-listed

⁸ North American Waterbird Conservation Plan (NAWCP) Categories of Conservation Concern (Kushlan et al. 2002)

Highly Imperiled: includes all species with significant population declines and either low populations or some other high risk factor.

High Concern: Species that are not Highly Imperiled. Populations of these species are known or thought to be declining, and have some other known or potential threat as well.

Moderate Concern: Species that are not Highly Imperiled or High Concern. Populations of these species are either a) declining with moderate threats or distributions; b) stable with known or potential threats and moderate to restricted distributions; or c) relatively small with relatively restricted distributions.

Species included in table only if greater than moderate

⁹ North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP), Atlantic Coast Joint Venture (ACJV) (ACJV 2008)

Conservation Tier Priorities = Highest, High, Moderately High, Moderate, Moderately Low, Low

Species included in table only if priority moderate or higher

¹⁰ Mid-Atlantic / New England / Maritimes (MANEM) Regional Waterbird Conservation Plan Priorities (MANEM 2006a, 2006b)

* = MANEM Focal Species for Southern New England

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Moderate Concern: Species that are not Highly Imperiled or High Concern. Populations of these species are either a) declining with moderate threats or distributions; b) stable with known or potential threats and moderate to restricted distributions; or c) relatively small with relatively restricted distributions.

Species included in table only if greater than moderate

¹¹ U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan (US SCP) Codes (Brown et al. 2001, Clark and Niles 2000)

5 = Highly imperiled

4 = Species of high concern

3 = Species of moderate concern

2 = Species of low concern

1 = Species not at risk

Species included in table only if greater than 3

¹² Status

B = Breeds on refuge or adjacent peninsula

HB = Historically bred on refuge

UB = Suspected but unconfirmed breeding on refuge

M = Uses refuge or adjacent peninsula during migration

W = Uses refuge, adjacent peninsula or waters during winter

¹³ Representative Species for the North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative, USFWS 2012

Table A.2. Mammal Species of Conservation Concern Known or Suspected on the Refuge.

Species	Federal Legal Status ¹	MA Legal Status ¹	MA CWCS ²	MA Rarity Rank ³	MMPA ⁴
Gray seal					X
Harbor seal					X

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³ Massachusetts Natural Heritage Inventory Rarity Ranks

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N = Non-breeding

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⁴ Marine Mammal Protection Act Protection

X = Species protected under the Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act

D = Marine mammals designated as depleted under the MMPA

Table A.3. Fish Species of Conservation Concern Known or Suspected on the Refuge.

Species	Federal Legal Status ¹	MA Legal Status ¹	MA CWCS ²	MA Rarity Rank ³	AFS Status ⁴	Fishery Protection ⁵
Snowy grouper					V	
Thorny skate	SC				V	
Alewife			X	S3S4		MSFMCA
American eel			X	S3S4		MSFMCA, AFCA, ACFMA
American shad			X	S3S4		MSFMCA, AFCA, ACFMA
Atlantic salmon	E		X	S1	E	MSFMCA, AFCA
Blueback herring			X	S3S4		MSFMCA, AFCA
Bluefish						MSFMCA
Rainbow smelt	SC			S3		MSFMCA, AFCA
Shortnose sturgeon	E	E	X	S1	E, T, CD	MSFMCA, AFCA
Striped bass						MSFMCA, AFCA, ACFMA
White perch						AFCA
Winter flounder						MSFMCA

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⁴ American Fisheries Society (AFS) Marine, Estuarine and Diadromous Fish Stocks at Risk of Extinction (Musick et al. 2000)

E = Endangered

T = Threatened

V = Vulnerable

CD = Conservation Dependent

Species with more than one status listed reflect different rankings for distinct population segments

⁵ Protection under Federal fishery management laws

MSFMCA = Species protected under the Federal Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Management Conservation Act

AFCA = Species protected under the Federal Anadromous Fish Conservation Act

ACFMA = Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act

Table A.4. Plant Species of Conservation Concern Known or Suspected on the Refuge.

Species	Federal Legal Status ¹	MA Legal Status ¹	MA Rarity Rank ²
Seabeach knotweed		SC	S3

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B = Breeding

N = Non-breeding

Species included in table only if rank less than S3

Table A.5. Plant Communities of Conservation Concern Known or Suspected on the Refuge.

Massachusetts Community Type	MA CWCS¹	MA Natural Heritage Inventory State Rarity Rank²
Maritime Beach Strand	Coastal Dunes, Beaches and Small Islands	S3
Maritime Dune	Coastal Dunes, Beaches and Small Islands	S2

¹ Massachusetts Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy: Habitats of greatest conservation concern

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Communities included in table only if Srank less than S3

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