

Coccyzus americanus (Yellow-billed Cuckoo)

Priority 2 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)

Class: Aves (Birds)
Order: Cuculiformes (Cuckoos)
Family: Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

General comments:

BCR30: regional concern; habitat loss and declining trend; 30yr -1.8 (-2.74 to -0.9) n=130, rel abund=1.68

Species Conservation Range Maps for Yellow-billed Cuckoo:

Town Map: [Coccyzus americanus_Towns.pdf](#)
 Subwatershed Map: [Coccyzus americanus_HUC12.pdf](#)

SGCN Priority Ranking - Designation Criteria:

Risk of Extirpation: NA

State Special Concern or NMFS Species of Concern:

Coccyzus americanus is listed as a species of Special Concern in Maine.

Recent Significant Declines: NA

Regional Endemic: NA

High Regional Conservation Priority:

Partners In Flight:

Regional Species of Concern: Yes, United States and Canada Species of Concern: No, Regional Stewardship Species: No

High Climate Change Vulnerability: NA

Understudied rare taxa: NA

Historical: NA

Culturally Significant: NA

Habitats Assigned to Yellow-billed Cuckoo:

Formation Name Grassland & Shrubland

Macrogroup Name Glade, Barren and Savanna

Habitat System Name: Central Appalachian Alkaline Glade and Woodland

Macrogroup Name Outcrop & Summit Scrub

Habitat System Name: Northern Appalachian-Acadian Rocky Heath Outcrop

Formation Name Northeastern Upland Forest

Macrogroup Name Central Oak-Pine

Habitat System Name: Central Appalachian Dry Oak-Pine Forest

Habitat System Name: Central Appalachian Pine-Oak Rocky Woodland

Habitat System Name: North Atlantic Coastal Plain Hardwood Forest

Habitat System Name: North Atlantic Coastal Plain Maritime Forest

Habitat System Name: Northeastern Interior Pine Barrens

Macrogroup Name Plantation and Ruderal Forest

Habitat System Name: Ruderal Forest - Northern and Central Hardwood and Conifer

Stressors Assigned to Yellow-billed Cuckoo:

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Stressor Priority Level based on Severity and Actionability		Moderate Severity	High Severity
	Highly Actionable	Medium-High	High
	Moderately Actionable	Medium	Medium-High
	Actionable with Difficulty	Low	Low

IUCN Level 1 Threat **Climate Change and Severe Weather**

IUCN Level 2 Threat: Habitat Shifting or Alteration

Severity: Moderate Severity **Actionability:** Moderately actionable

Notes: Loss of early successional habitat to forest succession

Species Level Conservation Actions Assigned to Yellow-billed Cuckoo:

None. *Only species specific conservation actions that address high (red) or medium-high (orange) priority stressors are summarized here.*

Guild Level Conservation Actions:

This Species is currently not attributed to a guild.

Broad Taxonomic Group Conservation Actions:

Relevant conservation actions for this species are assigned within broader taxonomic groups in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-1.

Habitat Based Conservation Actions:

Additional conservation actions that may benefit habitat(s) associated with this species can be found in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-15. Click on the Habitat Grouping of interest to launch a habitat based report summarizing relevant conservation actions and associated SGCN.

The Wildlife Action Plan was developed through a lengthy participatory process with state agencies, targeted conservation partners, and the general public. The Plan is non-regulatory. The species, stressors, and voluntary conservation actions identified in the Plan complement, but do not replace, existing work programs and priorities by state agencies and partners.