

Heritage Ranking Form - State Rank

Scientific Name: *Branta bernicla*
Common Name: Black brant
Classification: Vertebrate Animal

Heritage Rank: **S2N**

Rank Date: 2/16/2016

Comments: Small wintering population in Oregon, dependent on isolated, undisturbed eel grass beds. Population has remained well below target levels.

Range Extent: D = 1,000-5,000 sq km (~400-2,000 sq mi)

Comments: Range extent on Oregon coast: 3889 sq km.

Population Size: C = 250 - 1,000 individuals

Comments: About 625 birds in Oregon, 1994-2004 (Pacific Flyway Council 2004). This is significantly below the goal of 3000 birds.

Number of Occurrences: 0

Comments: 2 wintering sites and 4 migration sites in OR.

Area of Occupancy:

Comments: None

Good Viability: Not Evaluated

Comments: None

Environmental Sensitivity: Not Evaluated

Comments: None

Short Term Trends: G = Relatively Stable (<=10% change)

Comments: None

Long Term Trends: E = Decline of 30 - 50%

Comments: Declined by 50% by 1994 and has remained at low level (Pacific Flyway Council 2002).

Threat Impact: C = Medium

Comments: None

Intrinsic Vulnerability: Not Evaluated

Comments: None

Rank Notes: Calculator Rank (unrevised)=S2. Rank is for winter population only.

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