

ENDANGERED AND THREATENED

Wildlife of New Hampshire



KARNER BLUE BUTTERFLY ©NHFG

ENDANGERED

Endangered wildlife are those native species that are in danger of extinction in New Hampshire because of a loss or change in habitat, over-exploitation, predation, competition, disease, disturbance or contamination. Assistance is needed to ensure these species' continued existence as viable members of the state's wildlife community.



MARbled SALAMANDER ©NHFG

INVERTEBRATES

- Dwarf wedgemussel, *Alasmidonta heterodon***
- Brook floater mussel, *Alasmidonta varicosa*
- Cobblestone tiger beetle, *Cicindela marginipennis*
- Puritan tiger beetle, *Cicindela puritana**
- Frosted elfin butterfly, *Callophrys irus*
- Karner blue butterfly, *Lycaeides melissa samuelis***
- White Mountain fritillary, *Boloria titania montinus*
- Persius duskywing skipper, *Erynnis persius*
- Rusty Patched Bumblebee, *Bombus affinis***

FISH

- American brook lamprey, *Lethenteron appendix*
- Shortnose sturgeon, *Acipenser brevirostrum***

AMPHIBIANS

- Marbled salamander, *Ambystoma opacum*

REPTILES

- Blanding's turtle, *Emydoidea blandingii*
- Eastern box turtle, *Terrapene carolina*

- Eastern hognose snake, *Heterodon platirhinos*
- Timber rattlesnake, *Crotalus horridus*

BIRDS

- Northern harrier, *Circus cyaneus*
- Golden eagle, *Aquila chrysaetos*
- Common nighthawk, *Chordeiles minor*
- Piping plover, *Charadrius melodus**
- Upland sandpiper, *Bartramia longicauda*
- Roseate tern, *Sterna dougallii***
- Least tern, *Sterna antillarum*

MAMMALS

- Eastern small-footed bat, *Myotis leibii*
- Little brown bat, *Myotis lucifugus*
- Northern long-eared bat, *Myotis septentrionalis**
- Tri-colored bat, *Perimyotis subflavus*
- New England cottontail, *Sylvilagus transitionalis*
- Canada lynx, *Lynx canadensis**
- Eastern wolf, *Canis lupus***

* Federally Threatened ** Federally Endangered



SPOTTED TURTLE ©MUMASS, LLOYD GAMBLE

THREATENED

Threatened wildlife are those native species that are likely to become endangered in the near future, if conditions surrounding them begin, or continue, to decline.



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INVERTEBRATES

- Eastern pond mussel, *Ligumia nasuta*
- Pine pinion moth, *Lithophane lepida lepida*
- Ringed boghaunter, *Williamsonia lintneri*
- White Mountain arctic, *Oeneis melissa semidea*
- Hessel's hairstreak, *Callophrys hesseli*

FISH

- Bridle shiner, *Notropis bifrenatus*
- Atlantic sturgeon, *Acipenser oxyrinchus*
- Round whitefish, *Prosopium cylindraceum*

AMPHIBIANS

- Fowler's toad, *Anaxyrus fowleri*

REPTILES

- Spotted turtle, *Clemmys guttata*
- Black racer, *Coluber constrictor*

BIRDS

- Pied-billed grebe, *Podilymbus podiceps*
- Common loon, *Gavia immer*
- Peregrine falcon, *Falco peregrinus*
- Common tern, *Sterna hirundo*
- Red knot, *Calidris canutus**
- Cliff swallow, *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*
- Purple martin, *Progne subis*
- Cerulean warbler, *Setophaga cerulea*
- Eastern meadowlark, *Sturnella magna*
- Grasshopper Sparrow, *Ammodramus savannarum*

History of Endangered Wildlife Protection in New Hampshire

- 1973** – The Endangered Species Act, a federal law, was passed. It protects wildlife and plant species in danger of nationwide extinction.
- 1979** – The New Hampshire Endangered Species Conservation Act was passed, giving New Hampshire Fish and Game Department the authority to protect wildlife in danger of becoming extinct in New Hampshire.
- 1980** – The first list of New Hampshire threatened and endangered wildlife was created.
- 1987, 2000, 2008** – The New Hampshire threatened and endangered wildlife list was revised.
- 2006** – The first New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan took effect.
- 2015** – The New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan is revised and updated.
- 2017** – The current New Hampshire threatened and endangered wildlife list took effect on 3/24/17.

The list of New Hampshire's endangered and threatened wildlife is maintained by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. This list is current as of March 24, 2017 and is used to determine protection and management actions necessary to ensure the survival of the state's endangered and threatened wildlife. State and federal agencies and numerous New Hampshire nonprofit conservation organizations work cooperatively to protect and manage the state's wildlife. The Fish and Game Department has legal authority regarding all wildlife, game, nongame and endangered or threatened species.

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For more information about the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program, to report a sighting of endangered or threatened wildlife, or to make a contribution, contact:



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