

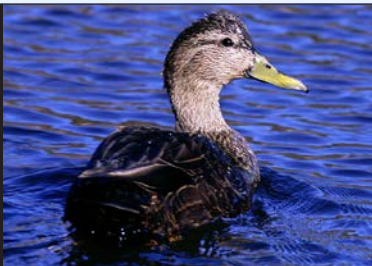


BIRDS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

MARSH AND SHRUB WETLANDS

Marsh and shrub wetlands are wide-spread throughout NH. Dominated by emergent herbaceous vegetation (such as sedges) or woody vegetation (primarily saplings and shrubs) this habitat type is also characterized by the presence of water throughout most of the year. This unique habitat supports a great diversity of bird species including some state listed and special concern species.

AMERICAN
BLACK DUCK
Anas rubripes



SPECIAL CONSERVATION CONCERN

Distribution: Throughout NH
Description: 21 – 25" Dark brown body w/ violet patches on wings and white lining underneath
Voice: Males - low croak; Females – quack

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WOOD DUCK
Aix sponsa



PIED-BILLED GREBE
Podilymbus podiceps



STATE ENDANGERED

Distribution: Throughout NH except for the southwest and White Mountains.
Description: 13" Black throat patch and ring around thick white bill during summer
Voice: "kuk-kuk-cow-cow-cow-cow-cowp-cowp"

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Distribution: Throughout NH
Description: 17-20.5" Male – multi-colored w/ crest on head. Female – dull colored w/ white eye patch
Voice: Males – "whoo-eek"; Females – "Creek, Creak"

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AMERICAN BITTERN
Botaurus lentiginosus



SPECIAL CONSERVATION CONCERN

Distribution: Throughout NH except at seacoast, in high elevations and White Mountains

Description: 23" Brown body w/ black stripe on neck, bill points up when standing.

Voice: slow, deep, "oong-ka' choonk, oong-ka choonk"

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GREEN HERON
Butorides virescens



Distribution: Throughout NH except far north

Description: 16-22" Dark body w/ gray-green or gray-blue back and wings and chestnut colored neck. Legs greenish yellow or orange during breeding season

Voice: kuck repeated, or a skyow or a skewk

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GREAT BLUE HERON
Ardea herodias



SPECIAL CONSERVATION CONCERN

Distribution: Throughout NH, most common in southern NH.

Description: 42-52" and up to 4' tall. Blue-gray color w/ long legs and neck and white head w/ black plumes.

Voice: Deep croaks "frahnk, frahnk, frahnk"

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OSPREY
Pandion haliaetus



STATE THREATENED

Distribution: Throughout NH. Breeds in all major watersheds except Saco.

Description: 21-24.5" w/ 4.5 - 6' wing spread. Dark body w/ white underneath. White head w/ black check patch.

Voice: Sharp whistles "cheep, cheep" or "yewk, yewk"

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RUSTY BLACKBIRD
Euphagus carolinus



SPECIAL CONSERVATION CONCERN

Distribution: Connecticut Lakes, Mahosuc-Rangley Lakes, and White Mountains

Description: 9" Spring/summer - males iridescent black; females - slate gray. Both sexes rust colored in fall/winter.

Voice: A squeaky "kush-a-lee, ksh-lay"

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RED WINGED BLACKBIRD
Agelaius phoeniceus



Distribution: Breeds throughout NH

Description: 7-9" Male - black w/ red shoulder patches. Female brown streaked w/ buffy eyebrow

Voice: conk-a-ree

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