

# ENDANGERED AND THREATENED

## Wildlife of New Hampshire

### ENDANGERED



BLANDING'S TURTLE ©NHFG

**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.



PIPING PLOVER ©NHFG

#### INVERTEBRATES

- Dwarf wedge mussel, *Alasmidonta heterodon*\*\*
- Brook floater mussel, *Alasmidonta varicosa*
- Ringed boghaunter, *Williamsonia lintneri*
- 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*

#### FISH

- American brook lamprey, *Lampetra bifrenatus*
- Shortnose sturgeon, *Acipenser brevirostrum*\*\*

#### REPTILES

- Blanding's turtle, *Emydoidea blandingii*
- Eastern hognose snake, *Heterodon platirhinos*
- Timber rattlesnake, *Crotalus horridus*

#### AMPHIBIANS

- Marbled salamander, *Ambystoma opacum*

#### 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*
- Sedge wren, *Cistothorus platensis*

#### MAMMALS

- Small-footed bat, *Myotis leibii*
- New England cottontail, *Sylvilagus transitionalis*
- Canada lynx, *Lynx canadensis*\*
- Gray wolf, *Canis lupus*\*\*

\* Federally Threatened    \*\* Federally Endangered

### THREATENED



COMMON TERN ©DAN HAYWARD

**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.



AMERICAN MARTEN ©USFWS

#### INVERTEBRATES

- Pine pinion moth, *Lithophane lepida lepida*
- White Mountain arctic, *Oeneis melissa semidea*

#### FISH

- Bridle shiner, *Notropis bifrenatus*

#### REPTILES

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

#### AMPHIBIANS (none)

#### BIRDS

- Pied-billed grebe, *Podilymbus podiceps*
- Common loon, *Gavia immer*
- Bald eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*
- Peregrine falcon, *Falco peregrinus*
- Common tern, *Sterna hirundo*
- American three-toed woodpecker, *Picoides dorsalis*
- Grasshopper sparrow, *Ammodramus savannarum*

#### MAMMALS

- American marten, *Martes americana*

## **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** – The New Hampshire threatened and endangered wildlife list was revised.
- 2006** – The first New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan took effect.
- 2008** – The current New Hampshire threatened and endangered wildlife list took effect on 9/20/08.

The list of New Hampshire's endangered and threatened wildlife is maintained by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. The list 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.

This work is made possible through federal grants, the sale of N.H. Conservation License Plates (moose plates) and private contributions. Donations to the Nongame Program are matched by state dollars. With your help we are able to protect New Hampshire's wildlife.

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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