# Raptors of New Hampshire

Twenty-one species of raptors nest in New Hampshire. Others like the Snowy Owl, may spend the winter or migrate through the state. Raptors are grouped into eight categories.

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<td>Nocturnal birds with unique adaptations for hunting at night.</td>
<td>Hawks of deep woods with long tails and short round wings for quick acceleration and maneuverability.</td>
<td>Hawks of open spaces with long broad wings and short broad tails that allow them to fly effortlessly on wind currents.</td>
<td>Largest raptors with long broad wings and tails.</td>
<td>Fastest raptors with long, tapered wings for diving after prey mid-air at speeds of 100 to 200mph.</td>
<td>Medium sized hawk with distinctive owl like face to better hear prey.</td>
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- Barn Owl
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- Easter Screech Owl
- Great Horned Owl
- Long-eared Owl
- Northern Saw-whet Owl
- Short-eared Owl
- Cooper’s Hawk
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Northern Goshawk
- Broad-winged Hawk
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Bald Eagle
- Gold Eagle
- American Kestrel
- Merlin
- Peregrine Falcon
- Northern Harrier
- Osprey

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