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We're so proud to release this important and timely report: *The State of New Hampshire's Birds: A Conservation Guide (2020)*. For over one hundred years, birds have been a focus of our work at New Hampshire Audubon. We are the premiere statewide conservation organization whose mission and history have always been focused on birds and other wildlife, and the health and integrity of their habitats.

This report couldn't be more timely and critical in this moment in our history. Our world is emerging from a pandemic, spring is coming on in our part of the world, and New Hampshire's birds are returning from their winter grounds and starting to nest. It is a time of finding connections in nature, a time of re-emergence.

One thing we learned during this past year is that *we need nature more than ever*. Birds represent the most visible and delightful connection we have to our natural environment. All you have to do is go outside and within seconds you will encounter birds, no matter where you live in New Hampshire.

In the pages of this publication, Dr. Pamela Hunt not only documents how birds are doing, but she reminds us of the threats they (and we) face. Critically important are the conservation strategies we must implement to ensure our birds and their habitats persist and thrive (see the section "What You Can Do to Help Conserve New Hampshire's Birds"). *Taking Action*, by following the guidance provided in this report, will help us help birds. Please do your part, whether in your yard or in your community, and with your friends and families, to help us achieve our mission.

See you out there!

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