




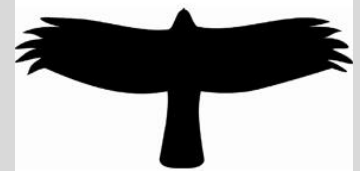



Raptors of New Hampshire

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.

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



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