

# 5 WAYS LAND TRUSTS CAN *Take Action* for WILDLIFE

## #1 Prioritize & plan.

Use the NH Wildlife Action Plan maps to help prioritize wildlife habitats when planning conservation efforts.

## #2 Make habitat happen.

You can take action to protect, restore or manage wildlife habitats on conserved lands.

## #3 Focus on wildlife.

Use wildlife to engage people on your properties and in your organization. Wildlife draws a crowd!

## #4 Look at the landscape.

Familiarize yourself with the habitats and wildlife in your service area; especially those that are rare or sensitive.

## #5 Work together.

Connect with the communities in your service area to work collaboratively on conserving important wildlife habitat.



There are many more actions that land trusts can take to help wildlife across NH. Read below and visit [takingactionforwildlife.org](http://takingactionforwildlife.org) for more information.

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## Planning

- ✓ **Develop a conservation plan** that incorporates wildlife and habitats. Use the NH Wildlife Action Plan maps to prioritize areas for protection.
- ✓ **Plan recreational access and trails** away from sensitive habitats or areas where rare wildlife has been documented.
- ✓ **Address climate change impacts and threats to wildlife** in your planning.
- ✓ **Reach out to communities** in your area to work together on conservation planning.
- ✓ **Create an invasive plants plan or policy** to limit the spread of invasive plants during management and other activities on your conserved lands.

## Habitat

- ✓ **Include wildlife when developing land management plans** for conserved land and work with professionals (County forester, licensed forester, wildlife biologist, etc.) when managing land.
- ✓ **Model good wildlife habitat management.** Use Best Management Practices for erosion control, forestry, and rare species. Create demonstration areas or host workshops to share what good management looks like.
- ✓ **Consider invasive plants** when managing habitats. Connect with *The Stewardship Network: New England* to host a volunteer workday on your conservation lands.

## Education

- ✓ **Make the connection.** Educate constituents about the importance of land conservation to NH's wildlife and habitats.
- ✓ **Educate easement holders** on the importance of wildlife habitat management.
- ✓ **Lead a walk on conservation land** to highlight important habitats and wildlife.
- ✓ **Host a talk** by a wildlife professional or *Speaking for Wildlife* volunteer on wildlife-related topics.
- ✓ **Report wildlife observations** to the NH Wildlife Sightings website
- ✓ **Use creative tools** like websites, Facebook, and social media to spread the word about your work.

## Get help.

**Taking Action for Wildlife** [takingactionforwildlife.org](http://takingactionforwildlife.org)

**NH Fish and Game** [www.wildlife.state.nh.us/wildlife/wap.html](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/wildlife/wap.html)

**UNHCE County Foresters** [extension.unh.edu/Contact-Forestry-and-Wildlife-Staff](http://extension.unh.edu/Contact-Forestry-and-Wildlife-Staff)

**The Stewardship Network** [newengland.stewardshipnetwork.org](http://newengland.stewardshipnetwork.org)

**NH Wildlife Sightings Database** [nhwildlifesightings.unh.edu](http://nhwildlifesightings.unh.edu)

**Speaking for Wildlife** [extension.unh.edu/NH-Coverts-Project/Speaking-Wildlife](http://extension.unh.edu/NH-Coverts-Project/Speaking-Wildlife)