

5 WAYS LANDOWNERS CAN *Take Action* for WILDLIFE

#1 Learn what's on your land.

Take photos or keep a journal of wildlife observations to get to know your land better.

#2 Small steps – big impact.

Taking simple steps, like allowing parts of your lawn to grow tall, can make your backyard more wildlife-friendly.

#3 Make habitat happen.

Make your land better for wildlife by protecting, restoring, or managing habitat on your property.

#4 Consider conservation.

Learn more about conservation easements & other conservation options to protect your land from development and keep it as wildlife habitat in the future.

#5 Get help.

Work with professionals – like County Foresters, consulting foresters, and wildlife biologists - when managing your land.



There are many more actions that landowners can take to help wildlife on their property. Read below and visit takingactionforwildlife.org for more information.

Taking Action
for WILDLIFE

Simple Steps

- ✓ **Learn more about which wildlife species may use your property.** Take notes and photographs or use a trail camera to capture sightings of wildlife on your land. Contribute wildlife sightings to the NH Wildlife Sightings website.
- ✓ **Make your backyard more wildlife friendly.** Plant wildflowers instead of grass to create pollinator habitat. Allow parts of your lawn to grow tall or let sections of your property grow shrubby – even small patches of young forest can be valuable for wildlife.
- ✓ **Learn to identify invasive plants.** The *New Hampshire Guide to Upland Invasives* from the NH Department of Agriculture is a useful resource.
- ✓ **Participate in volunteer opportunities** through The Stewardship Network: New England or a local conservation group.

Habitat

- ✓ **Maintain and create wildlife habitat on your property.** Work with professionals (your County Forester, consulting foresters, wildlife biologists, etc.) when managing your land. Use available Best Management Practices for the wildlife species and habitats that occur on your property.
- ✓ **Create a management plan** for your land that includes wildlife and habitat information.
- ✓ **Keep habitats healthy** – use vegetated buffers around water bodies, maintain proper care and management of your septic system, and use non-chemical methods when removing invasive plants or weeds.
- ✓ **Remove invasive plants on your property when possible, and plant native plants.** The New Hampshire State Forest Nursery is a great resource for native shrub seedlings.

Education

- ✓ **Attend workshops and trainings** to learn more about wildlife conservation and habitat management.
- ✓ **Learn more about conservation options** and consider putting a conservation easement on your property. Connect with your local land trust.
- ✓ **Follow UNH Cooperative Extension Forestry and Wildlife Program & NH Fish and Game on Facebook** and other social media to stay informed.
- ✓ **Invite neighbors to visit your property** and share your knowledge.

Get help.

Taking Action for Wildlife: Landowners takingactionforwildlife.org/landowners

NH Wildlife Action Plan wildlife.state.nh.us/wildlife/wap.html

NH Wildlife Sightings nhwildlifesightings.unh.edu

The Stewardship Network: New England newengland.stewardshipnetwork.org

UNHCE County Foresters extension.unh.edu/Contact-Forestry-and-Wildlife-Staff

NH Land Trust Coalition nhltc.org