



# WOODPECKERS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## PILEATED WOODPECKER

*Dryocopus pileatus*



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**Description:**

15.5-19". NH's largest woodpecker. Crow-sized, with white wing patches that flash while in flight.

**Habitat:** Coniferous/deciduous/mixed forests, large trees, suburban, backyards.

**Range:** Throughout NH.

## RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER

*Melanerpes carolinus*



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**Description:**

9-10.5". Black/white barred back/wings; bright red forehead/cap/nape; pale face/underparts.

**Habitat:** Deciduous/mixed woodlands/forests, back yard feeders.

**Range:** Expanding dramatically to much of NH.

## DOWNY WOODPECKER

*Picoides pubescens*



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**Description:** 5.5-

6.5". Black/white patterned. Males have red patch on back of head. Small bill. Black tail w/ white edges, black markings.

**Habitat:** Deciduous woodlots, orchards, parks, young forests.

**Range:** Throughout NH.

## HAIRY WOODPECKER

*Picoides villosus*



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**Description:** 7-10".

Very similar to the downy, but slightly larger with longer bill.

**Habitat:** Deciduous, coniferous forests w/medium/large trees, suburbs, parks.

**Range:** Throughout NH.



## AMERICAN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER

*Picoides dorsalis*



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#### Description:

7-9". Black/white woodpecker w/barring on sides and back.

Males have yellow cap.

**Habitat:** Coniferous forests, dead/dying trees w/abundant insects.

**Range:** Year-round in northern NH. Very rare.

## BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER

*Picoides arcticus*



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#### Description:

9". Only woodpecker w/ entirely black back. Sides barred black/white. Males have yellow forehead patch. One of two species with only three toes.

**Habitat:** Coniferous forests, recently burned areas.

**Range:** Year-round in northern NH. Uncommon.

## RED-HEADED WOODPECKER

*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*



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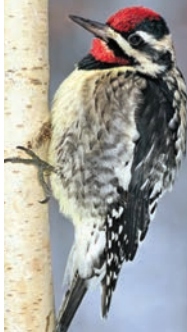
7.5-9". Bright red head/neck, white underparts, black top wing w/large white patches.

**Habitat:** Deciduous forests, nut-producing trees; swamps, marshes w/standing dead trees.

**Range:** Non-breeding visitor. South/central/western NH.

## YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

*Sphyrapicus varius*



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#### Description:

7-8.5". Black/white barred pattern on top. Black/white striped face, red forehead, black chest w/yellow outlining. Males have red throat patch.

**Habitat:** Young birches, maples.

**Range:** Increasing throughout NH.

## NORTHERN FLICKER

*Colaptes auratus*



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#### Description:

11-12". Brown body w/black markings, chest bib. White rump, yellow wing underside/tail.

**Habitat:** Woodlands, yards, parks.

**Range:** Common spring/fall/summer. Seen along coast during winter. Declining in the Northeast.

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