

About MassWildlife

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) is responsible for the conservation, including restoration, protection and management of fish and wildlife resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the public. The Division works to balance the needs of people and wildlife today so wildlife will be available for everyone's enjoyment today and for future generations.

Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program

The Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP), part of the [Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife](#). NHESP is responsible for the conservation and protection of hundreds of species that are not hunted, fished, trapped, or commercially harvested in the state. The Program's highest priority is protecting the 176 species of vertebrate and invertebrate animals and 259 species of native plants that are officially [listed as Endangered, Threatened or of Special Concern in Massachusetts](#).

The overall goal of the Program is the protection of the state's wide range of native biological diversity. Progress towards this goal is accomplished through the following:

- Biological Field Surveys
- Research and Inventory
- Data Management
- Environmental Impact Review
- Rare Species Recovery
- Ecological Restoration of Key Habitats
- Land Protection

A Partial Listing of Massachusetts Endangered, Threatened and Special Concern Bird Species

Here is a partial list of rare bird species in Massachusetts that continue to be significant in my bird photography work. Beside each species name is the current conservation and protection status level:

Common Loon	Special Concern
Bald Eagle	Endangered
Northern Harrier	Threatened
Sharp-Shinned Hawk	Special concern
Peregrine Falcon	Endangered
Piping Plover	Threatened

Roseate Tern	Endangered
Common Tern	Special Concern
Least Tern	Special Concern
Mourning Warbler	Special Concern
Grasshopper Sparrow	Threatened

Here is link for master list of write-ups for each species listed above. Please create a link for each species to write up page!

http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhesp/species_info/mesa_list/mesa_list.htm