



Uncommon Habitat Types



Town of Bristol, NH
Land Use Office
Natural Resources Mapping

Legend

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| Municipal Boundaries | Appalachian oak-pine |
| Tax Parcels - 2017 | Cliff and Talus |
| Newfound Lake Watershed | Floodplain forest |
| Conservation & Public Lands | Grassland |
| | Northern hardwood-conifer |
| | Peatland |
| | Rocky ridge |
| | Temperate swamp |
| | Wet meadow/shrub wetland |

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The NH Fish and Game Department's Wildlife Action Plan (NHWAP) has mapped numerous habitat types found in New Hampshire. Some of these are **matrix habitat** types that are quite common and form the background of prevailing habitat types that vary north to south and with elevation change in NH. Others are **patch habitats** that are typically smaller in extent and scattered in distribution.

About 78% of terrestrial habitat types in Bristol fall into the matrix habitat category, this being Hemlock/Hardwood/Pine forest habitat. Patch habitats total about 20% of the town's land area, and include ten specific habitat types. See table below for uncommon habitat type names, acreages, and percent of town land area.

Grassland habitats occupy nearly 7% of town land area and are most often associated with farmed hay fields and pasture. The balance of the uncommon patch habitats are rare across New Hampshire with the exception of Appalachian Oak/Pine which is at the northernmost limit of its range in Bristol.

All the patch habitats are small features and scattered widely across Bristol. Note that some larger parcels of land contain several occurrences of these small habitat types, each with its own special plant and animal ecology.

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