



Landowner request for NH Natural Heritage Bureau data

The NH Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) maintains a database of known locations of rare species and exemplary natural communities. Landowners can request a check of the database to find out whether any known locations have been mapped on their property. An agent acting for a landowner can make this request on the landowner's behalf. However, the landowner must be aware of and approve of the request.

The results from this "Landowner Request" cannot be used to satisfy permit or regulatory requirements, since the results are limited to NHB records within property boundaries. For permits, use the "Environmental Review Request Form" available at <http://nh.gov/dred/divisions/forestandlands/bureaus/naturalheritage/forms.htm>.

If there is a rare species on private property, will NH Natural Heritage know about it? Probably not. Most areas of the state have never been checked for the presence of rare species. A field survey is the best way to determine their presence. We provide a list of all known rare species within one mile, as a guide to what *could* be on the property.

What does it mean if NHB does have a record on a particular property? It means that a rare species or natural community was once observed in the vicinity and reported to NHB. Check the year of the observation to determine how recent the report was.

Call NHB (271-2214) with questions regarding rare plants and exemplary natural communities, or NH Fish & Game (271-2461) with questions regarding rare animal species.

Landowner: Name: _____
Mailing address: _____
Phone number: _____
E-mail address: _____

Requested by: Name: _____
Organization: _____
Mailing address: _____
Phone number: _____
E-mail address: _____

Location of the Property Town: _____
Tax Map(s) & Lot #(s): _____

A map must be provided, with the property clearly marked. Acceptable maps include a copy of part of a USGS topographic map (such maps can be printed from the web, e.g., at www.topozone.com) and GIS shapefiles* (NH State Plane, NAD 83). Tax maps can **only** be used if they include clearly marked road intersections.

*If a shapefile is provided, what is the file name?: _____

I affirm that the landowner knows that I am making this request and agrees that NHB should release the data.

Name (type or print): _____ **Date:** _____

Requests can be submitted by e-mail, fax, or mail:

E-mail: scairms@dred.state.nh.us
Fax: (603) 271-6488, Attn: Sara Cairns
Mail: Sara Cairns
PO Box 1856
Concord, NH 03302-1856

Requests will usually be processed within 5-10 business days. Results will be returned via e-mail if an e-mail address is provided above, otherwise through the US postal service. Call (603) 271-2215 x 302 with any questions.