

# The Nan & Allen King Bird Sanctuary

Welcome to the King Bird Sanctuary, honoring two prominent Hanover conservationists. Located on the Upper Meadow of Hayes Farm Park, the Sanctuary features a naturalized garden planting of hardy native trees and shrubs to benefit wildlife.

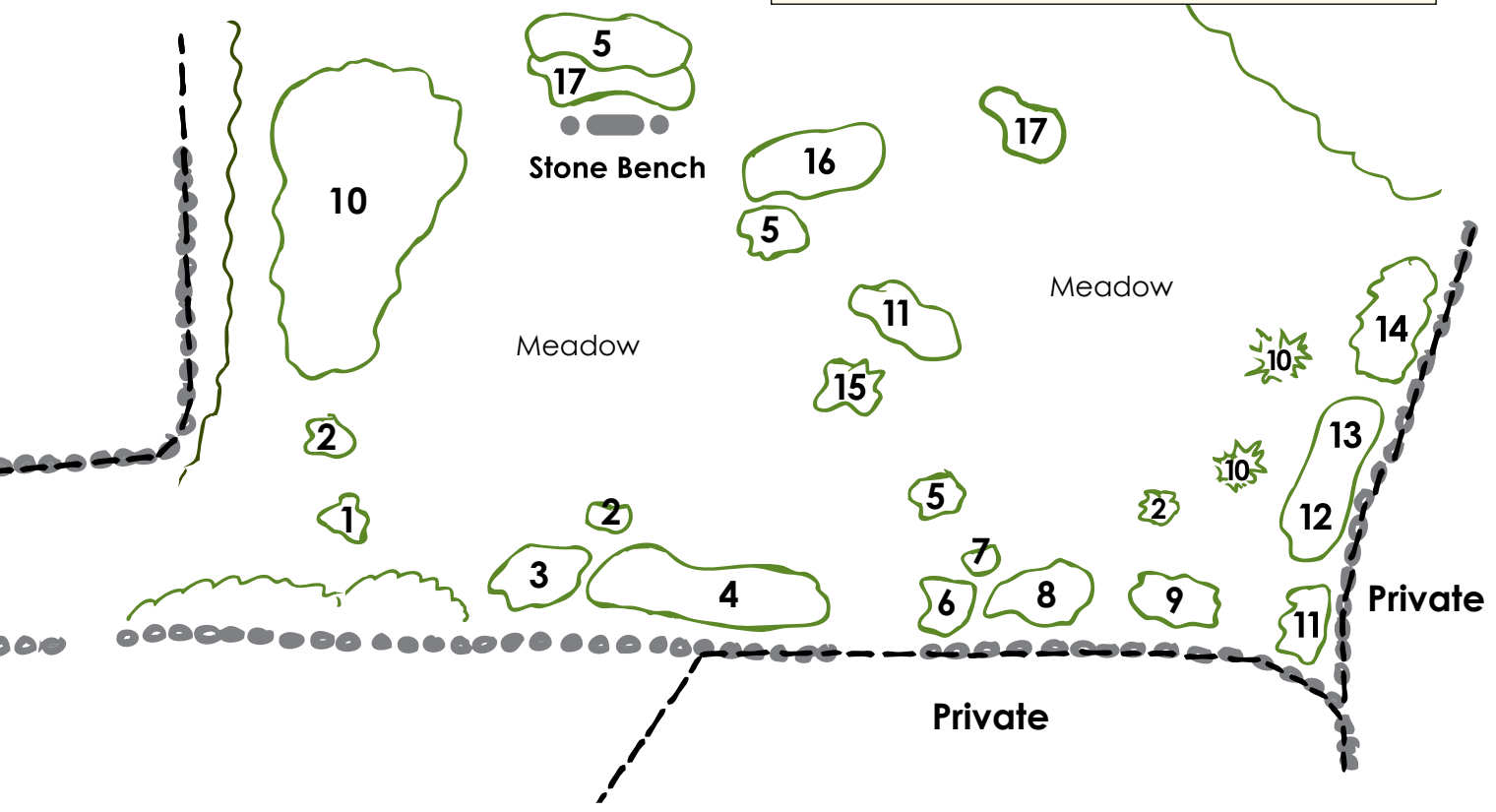
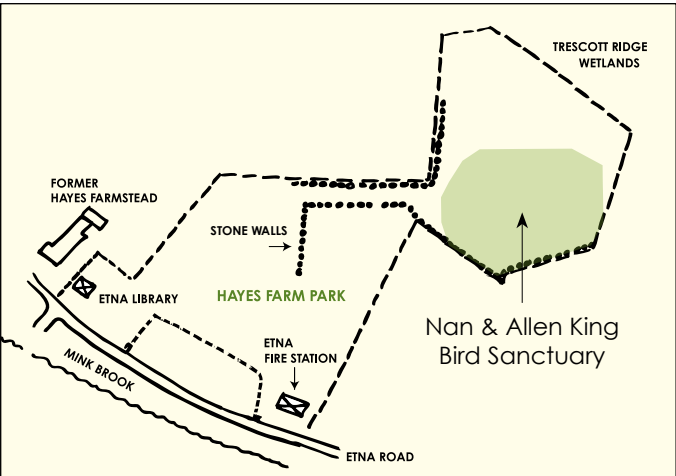


Northern New England plants such as these are more reliable and less demanding than exotic varieties, and provide better food, cover, and nesting habitat for native birds and other creatures. All of the plants displayed here are excellent alternatives to exotic plants for the home landscape.

This land, with its handsome stone walls and crabapples, was once pasture for the Hayes Farm. In recent years, however, non-native barberry, honeysuckle, and buckthorn had invaded the old field. Before planting could begin, these invasives were pulled out by the roots and piled west of the knoll to provide cover for small mammals.

Visit the Sanctuary throughout the seasons to see the changing palette of flowers, fruits, and foliage, and to enjoy a quiet view of the birds and mammals who make this their seasonal or permanent home.

A trail from the historic Etna Library leads to the Sanctuary and nearby Trescott Ridge Wetlands. Dominating the knoll is a veteran crabapple tree. A stone bench in the shade of the tree, created from a glacial boulder by sculptor Chance Anderson of Canterbury, NH, affords a view over the valley of Mink Brook. Two smaller seats, formed of a single stone cut in half, bear images of a kingbird and a chickadee.



The Hanover Conservancy and the Hanover Conservation Commission have partnered to create this sanctuary to honor Nan and Allen King and to benefit Etna Village. It was dedicated on June 30, 2011, the Kings' wedding anniversary. In addition to the Conservancy's King Memorial Fund, many volunteers and donors helped make the project possible, including those who supported the Town's purchase of the Hayes Farm in 2010.

The Hanover Conservancy is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people understand and appreciate the natural environment. Founded in 1961 as the Hanover Conservation Council, it has secured the protection of many hundreds of acres of land, often in partnership with the Town of Hanover's Conservation Commission.



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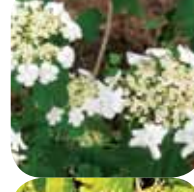



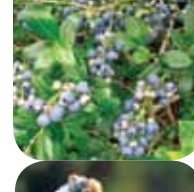

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*Etna, New Hampshire*



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	<b>#1 HAWTHORN</b> <i>Crataegus coccinea</i>	Flowers and fruits attract birds and butterflies	Showy fragrant spring flowers, bright edible fruit, good fall color	Prefers full sun and well-drained soil; small tree grows 20-25'
	<b>#2 SHADBUSH, SERVICEBERRY</b> <i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	Berries have high food value for many songbirds	Early white fragrant flowers, bright berries, fine fall color, effective as screening	Prefers moist to average soil, full to part sun; slow-growing small tree or large shrub, 15-20'
	<b>#3 WILD RAISIN</b> <i>Viburnum cassinoides</i>	Fruits eaten by grouse and songbirds; rabbits and deer browse twigs	Good fall color, fragrant white flowers, edible blue-black fruits, good hedge	Prefers shade and moist soils; moderately slow growing shrub, 6-10'
	<b>#4 RED OSIER DOGWOOD</b> <i>Cornus sericea</i>	Fruit is eaten by many birds	Bright red stems attractive in winter, tiny fragrant white flowers, blue-white fruit	Full to part sun; tolerates wet soil and flooding, good for streambanks; fast-growing shrub, 4-8'
	<b>#5 CRABAPPLE</b> <i>Malus spp.*</i>	Flowers attract birds and butterflies; fruit is eaten by birds and mammals	Pink buds open to white spring flowers, colorful edible fruits, gleaming bark in winter	*The many crabapple trees at the King Sanctuary are self-seeded from the Hayes Farm orchard
	<b>#6 WITCH HAZEL</b> <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Seeds are eaten by birds, rabbits, and deer	Fragrant yellow flowers and foliage in fall, coppery new spring growth	Prefers moist soils and full to part sun; slow-growing small tree, 20-30'
	<b>#7 PAGODA DOGWOOD</b> <i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Fruit is eaten by many birds, including turkey, bluebirds, grouse	Elegant branching habit, fragrant white flowers	Full to part sun; tolerates wet soil; good for streambanks; fast-growing shrub to 15'
	<b>#8 NANNYBERRY</b> <i>Viburnum lentago</i>	High food value fruits persist into winter for birds; attracts butterflies	Edible fruits, good fall color	Prefers full to part sun; tolerates varying soils; large shrub grows to 10-20'

	<b>#9 WINTERBERRY</b> <i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Fruit is eaten by flickers, thrushes, cedar waxwings, and other birds in winter	Attractive bright red berries on female plants persist into winter; yellow fall color	Sun to part shade; needs a male pollinator plant; tolerates wet soil; good for streambanks; slow growing shrub, 5-8'
	<b>#10 EASTERN WHITE PINE</b> <i>Pinus strobus</i>	Provides year-round cover for birds and mammals; seeds eaten by small mammals and some birds	Feathery foliage, good year-round screen	Prefers full sun; common colonist of old pastures, as here; moderately fast-growing evergreen, 70-125'
	<b>#11 GREY DOGWOOD</b> <i>Cornus racemosa</i>	Fruits eaten by ruffed grouse and other birds	Small whitish flower clusters, white fruits	Prefers sun to part shade; tolerant of varying soils; large shrub to 10'
	<b>#12 AMERICAN CRANBERRY BUSH</b> <i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	Fruits persist into winter to support birds and mammals	White flower clusters, scarlet fruits, good fall color	Prefers sun to part shade, tolerates varying soils; moderately fast-growing shrub, 6-10'
	<b>#13 BLACK CURRANT</b> <i>Ribes nigrum</i> "Consort"	Berries are eaten by many birds, mammals	Juicy edible black fruits, fragrant bell-shaped flowers	Prefers full to part sun; one of a few varieties resistant to white pine blister rust and deer browse
	<b>#14 ELDERBERRY</b> <i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	Berries are eaten by many birds and mammals	Fragrant white flower clusters, bright edible berries, attractive foliage	Prefers moist soils and full to part sun; moderately fast growing shrub, 6-12'
	<b>#15 RED MAPLE</b> <i>Acer rubrum</i>	Seeds and buds are eaten by birds and mammals	Early red flowers, bright fall color	Prefers full sun; tolerates wet soil and flooding; good for streambanks; moderately fast growing tree, 40-75'
	<b>#16 Highbush BLUEBERRY</b> <i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	Flowers attract hummingbirds, fruits eaten by birds & mammals; favorite of scarlet tanagers, bluebirds, grouse, bear	Urn-shaped flowers, colorful edible berries, bright fall color, attractive habit	Prefers acid soil in sun to part shade; plant two varieties for best pollination; slow-growing, flood tolerant shrub, 5-8'
	<b>#17 LOWBUSH BLUEBERRY</b> <i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i>	Fruits are eaten by many birds and mammals	Urn-shaped flowers, scarlet fall foliage, colorful edible berries, good ground cover	Prefers acid soil in sun to part shade; plant two varieties for best pollination; slow growing, flood tolerant small shrub, 1-2'



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