



## - BIRD OF THE MONTH -

### SNOW BUNTING

by Kim Snyder & Ally Gelinas

A medium-sized, full-bodied songbird with a small conical bill. Snow Buntings have several plumages, but they always show white inner wings with black wingtips and a black-and-white-tail. These little birds are winter visitors to New England! They nest in the high arctic and travel south for the winter to feed on crop stubble and exposed seeds. You can find flocks of them on open ground but look very carefully, they blend in very well! >[Calls](#)



EXCITED FOR EVERGREEN SEASON!? WE ARE TOO. SEE PG 4 FOR SOME BASIC ID TIPS TO "SPRUCE" UP YOUR WINTER TREE ID SKILLS

### DIY SUET KITS

by Ally Gelinas & Kim Snyder

Suet is a fun and nutritious snack for your local birds! There are tons of ways to make it but here's an easy one the Antioch Bird Club recommends.

Recipe at QR code:

#### Ingredients:

- 3/4 cups shortening
- 1/4 cups nut butter (any kind)
- 1 3/4 cups wild bird seed
- 1/2 cup quick oats
- 1/4 cup cornmeal



#### With Eggshells -

After using, rinse and dry. Add to suet. Or keep meat grease in the fridge, add crushed shells (can crush in the food processor), and follow a recipe for suet or stir in dried fruits and seeds. Serve outside by your feeder.

#### Winter bird feeding tips

- Don't put out too much food, it can get bacteria on it.
  - Clean suet cages/feeders/bird baths regularly, can use a pet-safe disinfectant/bleach/vinegar.
  - Provide fresh water--can use portable, even solar-powered heaters.
- If suet comes in mesh, cut it because the bird's feet can get stuck  
Avoid bread, milk, salty or spicy foods, desiccated coconut. Runny fats/oils can clog feathers and loose insulation.

#### Helping Birds on a Budget

- DIY bird feeders, houses, baths, and homemade suet
- Put food in a sheltered, cat-free place
- Create a windbreak for the feeders
- Plant native plants (in the warmer seasons) that provide tasty morsels for the birds in the winter
- Buy bulk seed on sale and split it with other people
- Save sticks, straw, fur & other nesting materials for birds through the year

### JUST RELEASED: TECHNICAL BULLETIN #12

ALL ABOUT THE VERNAL POOLS AT GLOVER'S LEDGE AND THE RESULTS OF KIM SNYDER'S MASTER'S THESIS ON THE POOLS. COME VISIT THESE FROZEN BEAUTIES THIS WINTER!

See all Technical Bulletins [here](#)



## Thanks for Visiting!!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN ARTICLE?

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FOR DIRECTIONS TO GLOVER'S LEDGE, VISIT: [GLOVERSLEDGE.WEBLY.COM/DIRECTIONS](http://GLOVERSLEDGE.WEBLY.COM/DIRECTIONS)

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### White Pine -

- Can grow 100-150' tall
- Overstory tree
- Very long lived - thriving for 200+ years!
- Needles in bundles of 3-5
- Needles thin, 2-4" long
- Pine cones 3-7" long



### Red Pine -

- Common in the field in Bear Loop
- Can grow ~80' tall
- Needles in bundles of 2
- Needles thicker, 4-6" long



### Eastern Hemlock -

- Can grow 40-70' tall
- Shade-tolerant
- Needles single and flat, not in bundles/groups
- Needle tops solid green, underside with faint white lines
- Cones 1.5-2.5 cm long



## Directions to Glover's Ledge:

### From Keene, there are several options:

#### 29 Min Option:

- Start by heading North out of Keene up Court St.
- Turn Right onto Rte 12A at the traffic circle
- Turn Left onto Walpole Valley Rd, which turns into Valley Rd
- Turn Right onto Old Cheshire Turnpike
- Once in Drewsville, turn Right at the General Store to Whitcomb Rd/Rte 123.
- Continue straight onto Cheshire Turnpike.
- Glover's Ledge will be one mile ahead on your Right. You will know you have arrived when you see the wooden sign for Glover's Ledge at the driveway, a large white barn and landscape surrounded by a white fence. Hubbard Farms, a chicken farm, across the street. If you reach Great Brook Forest Products, or the Langdon Covered Bridge, you've gone too far. You may park in the open space next to the building.

#### 31 Min Option:

- Start by heading North on Route 12 out of Keene towards Walpole.
- Turn right onto Upper Walpole Road. You will see a sign for Hubbard Park at this turn.
- Turn right on Route 123 S.
- Continue past the Drewsville General Store (Route 123 takes a slight bend left after the store) until you reach a flashing yellow light.
- Continue straight onto Cheshire Turnpike.
- One mile ahead, on the right, is Glover's Ledge. You will know you have arrived when you see the wooden sign for Glover's Ledge at the driveway, a large white barn and landscape surrounded by a white fence. Hubbard Farms, a chicken farm, across the street. If you reach Great Brook Forest Products, or the Langdon Covered Bridge, you've gone too far. You may park in the open space next to the building.

212 Cheshire Turnpike, Langdon, NH 03602.  
43°08'49.2"N, 72°23'45.5"W

**\*Google Maps Warning:** 2 locations will come up when you search Glover's Ledge; one with an apostrophe, one without. The location **WITH** the apostrophe, off of Cheshire Turnpike, is correct.

