

## Dead Bird Reporting and Testing

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and the United States Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services are conducting wild bird testing to detect the H5N1 form of avian influenza should it arrive in New Hampshire. Specific species of birds are being targeted for testing. It is important to remember, however, that there have been no cases of H5N1 avian flu identified in the United States in birds or people to date. Additional information regarding avian influenza and statewide planning can be found on the NH Department of Health and Human Services website at [www.dhhs.nh.gov](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov).

### **Migratory Birds**

The USDA Wildlife Services office encourages reporting of dead birds fitting the following criteria:

- A cluster (same location and time) of more than 5 non-water birds; or
- A single water bird (a bird with webbed feet, long slender legs, or a long bill)

**To report dead birds that fit these criteria, the USDA Wildlife Services office can be contacted at 1-866-4-USDA-WS (1-866-487-3297).** Birds may be eligible for avian influenza testing based on species of bird, number of birds found, and other criteria. USDA Wildlife Services will arrange for testing if appropriate. NH DHHS is unable to test birds for avian influenza.

### **Poultry**

If you have questions regarding avian influenza and poultry (such as chickens or turkeys) or wish to report dead poultry, please **contact the State Veterinarian's office at 603-271-2404.**

### **Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile virus (WNV)**

To report dead birds that do not fulfill the above criteria for possible infection with EEE or WNV, you can **call the NH DHHS dead bird reporting phone line at 1-866-273-(NILE) 6453 between June 1st and October 31st.** Corvids (crows, ravens, blue jays) that have recently died may be eligible for WNV and EEE testing.