

## Key to the Soils of New Hampshire

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| <b>A. Alluvial Deposits</b> Soils Developing on Flood Plain (Bottomland) Deposits                          |                     |                              |  |  |                                    |  |                     |
| <u>Sandy to loamy textures</u><br><i>Mesic</i>   | Suncook             |                              | Occum  | Pootatuck                                    | Pootatuck Variant                  | Rippowam Lim                                   |                     |
| <i>Frigid</i>  | Sunday              |                              | Ondawa<br>Ondawa<br>sandy-substratum                             | Podunk<br>Podunk<br>sandy substratum         | Podunk Variant                     | Rumney   |                     |
| <u>Silty textures</u><br><i>Mesic</i>  |                     |                              | Hadley   | Winooski                                     |                                    | Limerick                                       | Saco                |
| <i>Frigid</i>  |                     |                              | Fryeburg   | Lovewell                                     |                                    | Charles  | Medomak             |
| <u>Loamy over gravelly textures</u><br><i>Frigid</i>   |                     |                              | Abenaki  | Metallak<br>Podunk<br>sandy substratum       |                                    | Cohas<br>Limerick cool<br>sandy substratum     | Saco Variant        |
| <b>B. Glaciofluvial Ice Contact and Proglacial Deposits</b> Soils Developed on Outwash and Stream Terraces |                     |                              |  |  |                                    |  |                     |
| <u>Stratified sand and gravel deposits</u><br><i>Mesic</i>   | Hinckley            | Merrimac                     |  | Sudbury                                      | Sudbury                            | Walpole  | Scarboro            |
| <i>Frigid</i>  | Colton<br>Boscawen  |                              |  | Duane<br>Sheepscot                           | Duane variant                      | Kinsman  | Searsport           |
| <u>Sandy deposits</u><br><i>Mesic</i>  | Windsor<br>Caesar   |                              |  | Deerfield                                    | Deerfield variant                  | Mashpee<br>Wareham<br>Pipestone♦<br>Saugatuck♦ | Scarboro            |
| <i>Frigid</i>  |                     | Champlain<br>Adams           |  | Croghan                                      | Croghan variant<br>Finch♦          | Naumburg<br>Au Gres♦                           | Searsport           |
| <u>Loamy textured material underlain by sand or gravel</u><br><i>Mesic</i>                                 |                     |                              | Agawam<br>Haven  | Ninigret                                     | Ninigret variant                   | Raypol   |                     |
| <i>Frigid</i>  |                     |                              | Allagash<br>Groveton<br>Salmon<br>sandy-substratum               | Madawaska<br>Nicholville<br>sandy-substratum | Madawaska                          | Grange<br>Raynham cool<br>sandy substratum     |                     |
| <u>Stratified sand and gravel deposits with a high % of schist; phyllite</u><br><i>Mesic</i>               | Quonset             | Hoosic<br>Warwick            |  |  |                                    |  |                     |
| <i>Frigid</i>  |                     | Masardis                     | Stetson  | Machias                                      |                                    |  |                     |
| <b>C. Marine or Glaciolacustrine Deposits</b> Soils Developed in Silt and Clay                             |                     |                              |  |  |                                    |  |                     |
| <u>Silt and clay deposits</u><br><i>Mesic</i>  |                     |                              | Suffield   | Boxford                                      | Boxford                            | Scitico  | Maybid              |
| <i>Frigid</i>  |                     |                              |  | Buxton                                       |                                    | Scantic  | Biddeford           |
| <u>Very fine sand and silt</u><br><i>Mesic</i>   |                     |                              | Hartland<br>Hitchcock<br>Unadilla<br>Unadilla Variant<br>Poocham | Belgrade<br>Dartmouth<br>Scio                | Raynham<br>Scio Variant            | Raynham<br>Binghamville                        |                     |
| <i>Frigid</i>  |                     |                              | Salmon   | Nicholville                                  | Roundabout                         | Pemi<br>Roundabout                             |                     |
| <u>Sandy or loamy material 1.5 to 3 feet thick over silt and clay deposits</u><br><i>Mesic</i>             |                     | Windsor variant              |  | Eldridge<br>Elmridge                         | Eldridge variant<br>Shaker variant | Squamscott<br>Shaker                           |                     |
| <i>Frigid</i>  |                     |                              | Melrose  | Elmwood                                      | Swanton                            | Swanton  |                     |

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| <b>D. Till Materials</b>   |                     |   |  |  |                                       |   |                             |
| Soils Developed in Glacial Till  |                     |   |  |  |                                       |   |                             |
| <u>Loose till of sandy textures</u><br><i>Mesic</i>  |                     | Gloucester<br>Shapleigh* <sup>¶</sup>         | Canton   | Newfields<br>Acton   | Newfields variant                     |   | Scarboro very stony         |
| <i>Frigid</i>  |                     | Hermon<br>Gloucester cool<br>Success          | Monadnock<br>Chichester  | Waumbek<br>Acton cool  | Moosilauke                            | Moosilauke<br><br>Lyme  |                             |
| <i>Cryic</i>   |                     | Hermon variant                                | Monadnock variant  |  |                                       |   |                             |
| <u>Loose or firm till of loamy textures</u><br><i>Mesic</i>  |                     |   | Hollis*<br>Charlton<br>Chatfield*  | Sutton<br>Chatfield variant<br>*   | Sutton Var.<br>Chatfield variant<br>* | Leicester variant<br>Leicester  |                             |
| <i>Frigid</i>  |                     | Lyman*<br>Woodstock*<br>Millsite*<br>Hogback* | Berkshire<br>Millsite*<br>Rawsonville*<br>Tunbridge*<br>Bice<br>Macomber*<br>Houghtonville | Sunapee<br>Sutton cool   | Sunapee variant                       | Lyme<br>Leicester cool  |                             |
| <i>Cryic</i>   |                     |   | Berkshire variant  |  |                                       |   |                             |
| <u>Friable till of silty textures derived mainly from mica schist and phyllite</u><br><i>Mesic</i>                 |                     | Kearsarge*                                    | Dutchess<br>Cardigan*<br>Pennichuck*   |  |                                       |   |                             |
| <i>Frigid</i>  |                     | Thorndike*<br>Glover*<br>Monson*              | Bangor Variant<br>Bangor<br>Winnecook*<br>Elliottsville*<br>Macomber*                      | Dixmont  | Dixmont                               |   |                             |
| <u>Firm, compact, platy till of silty textures derived primarily from mica schist and phyllite</u><br><i>Mesic</i> |                     |   | Bernardston<br>Bernardston variant   | Pittstown<br>Pittstown variant (Typic)   | Pittstown variant                     | Stissing  |                             |
| <i>Frigid</i>  |                     |   | Plaisted<br>Lanesboro  | Howland<br>Chesuncook<br>Buckland  | Telos                                 | Cabot<br>Monarda<br>Brayton   | Peacham<br>Burnham          |
| <i>Cryic</i>   |                     |   | Sisk<br>Saddleback*<br>Stratton*<br>Glebe*   | Surplus  | Surplus                               | Bemis<br>Monarda variant  |                             |
| <u>Firm, compact, platy till of sandy textures</u><br><i>Mesic</i>   |                     |   | Montauk<br>Millis*   | Scituate   |                                       |   |                             |
| <i>Frigid</i>  |                     |   | Becket<br>Henniker   | Skerry<br>Metacomet  |                                       |   |                             |
| <u>Firm, compact, platy till of loamy textures</u><br><i>Mesic</i>   |                     |   | Paxton   | Woodbridge   | Ridgebury                             | Ridgebury   | Whitman                     |
| <i>Frigid</i>  |                     |   | Marlow<br><br>Canterbury<br>Paxton cool  | Woodbridge cool<br>Mundal<br>Dixfield<br>Peru* <sup>¶</sup><br>Buckland<br>Gilmanton<br>Peru variant. * <sup>¶</sup> | Colonel<br>Pillsbury variant          | Pillsbury<br><br>Brayton<br>Pillsbury variant * <sup>¶</sup><br>Cabot | Whitman cool<br><br>Peacham |

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| <b>E. Weathered Bedrock</b> Soils Developed on Weathered Bedrock   |                     |                              |              |                         |                         |                |  |
| <u>Loose crystalline rock fragments primarily weathered Conway granite (mainly Carroll, Grafton &amp; Coos Co.)</u><br><i>Frigid</i> |                     | Canaan*                      | Redstone     |                         |                         |                |  |
| <u>Loose phyllite fragments</u><br><i>Frigid</i>   |                     |                              | Lombard      |                         |                         |                |  |
| <b>F. Organic Materials - Upland</b> Soils Developed in Organic Materials  |                     |                              |              |                         |                         |                |  |
| <u>Very shallow to shallow over bedrock</u><br><i>Cryic</i>  |                     |                              | Ricker*      |                         |                         |                |  |
| <b>G. Organic Materials - Freshwater</b> Soils Developed in Organic Materials  |                     |                              |              |                         |                         |                |  |
| <u>Undecomposed deposits of plant material over 51 inches (peat)</u><br><i>Frigid</i>  |                     |                              |              |                         |                         |                | Waskish ♦<br>Vassalboro                |
| <u>Deep, decomposed deposits of plant material over 51 inches (muck)</u><br><i>Mesic</i>   |                     |                              |              |                         |                         |                | Catden                                 |
| <i>Frigid</i>  |                     |                              |              |                         |                         |                | Bucksport<br>Borohemists<br>Greenwood♦ |
| <u>Deep, decomposed deposits of plant material over 51 inches (mucky peat)</u><br><i>Frigid</i>                                      |                     |                              |              |                         |                         |                | Meadowsedge                            |
| <u>Organic materials 16-51 inches over sand or loamy sand</u><br><i>Mesic</i>  |                     |                              |              |                         |                         |                | Timakwa                                |
| <i>Frigid</i>  |                     |                              |              |                         |                         |                | Pondicherry<br>Chocorua                |
| <u>Organic materials 16-51 inches over loamy materials</u><br><i>Mesic</i>   |                     |                              |              |                         |                         |                | Natchaug                               |
| <i>Frigid</i>  |                     |                              |              |                         |                         |                | Wonsqueak<br>Ossipee                   |
| <b>H. Organic Materials - Tidal Flat</b> Soils Developed in Organic Materials  |                     |                              |              |                         |                         |                |  |
| <u>Organic materials greater than 51 inches</u><br><i>Mesic</i>  |                     |                              |              |                         |                         |                | Ipswich                                |
| <u>Organic materials less than 51 inches over sandy materials</u><br><i>Mesic</i>  |                     |                              |              |                         |                         |                | Matunuck<br>Pawcatuck                  |
| <u>Organic materials 16-51 inches over silty materials</u><br><i>Mesic</i>   |                     |                              |              |                         |                         |                | Westbrook                              |

### FOOTNOTES

- ♦ No longer active soil names
- \* Bedrock controlled soils
- ♦ Out of MLRA Region R soil