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Municipal Natural Resources Inventory
Vinalhaven
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**If this inventory is over 1 year old, please request an update:* beginningwithhabitat.org/request

Critical Natural Resources

Rare Animals*	State Rank[b]	State Status[a]	In or Near[c]
Arctic Tern	S2B	Threatened	In
Atlantic Puffin	S2B	Threatened	In
Great Blue Heron	S4B	Special Concern	In
Great Cormorant	S3B,S3N	Threatened	In
Harlequin Duck	S2S3N	Threatened	In
Purple Sandpiper	S4S5N	Special Concern	In
Razorbill	S2B	Threatened	In
Spotted Turtle		Threatened	In

Rare Fish*	State Status[a]

Other Wildlife Habitats*
Inland Waterfowl and Wading Bird
Tidal Waterfowl and Wading Bird
Significant Vernal Pools
Seabird Nesting Islands

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Mefishwildlife.com

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Rare Plants*	State Rank[b]	State Status[a]
American Sea-blite	S2	Threatened

Rare & Exemplary Natural Communities*	State Rank[b]
Salt-hay Saltmarsh	S3
Pitch Pine Woodland	S3

Please review Map 1 for additional fisheries, including wild brook trout and Atlantic salmon.

Important Natural Resources

Focus Areas of Statewide Ecological Significance	In or Near[c]
Penobscot Bay and Islands	In

Exemplary Common Natural Communities (S4/S5)*
Spruce - Fir Wet Flat
Maritime Spruce - Fir Forest

**Web information link or fact sheet included in Fact Sheet packet folder*

[a.] **State Status** - all species with E, T, or SC Status are listed as Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) in the State Wildlife Action Plan.
E (Endangered) = rare and may be lost from the state in the foreseeable future or federally listed as Endangered.
T (Threatened) = rare and, with further decline, could become endangered; or federally listed as Threatened.
SC (Special Concern) = a species that does not meet the criteria for E or T, but is particularly vulnerable and could easily become a Threatened, Endangered, or Extirpated species.
[b.] **State / Global Rarity Rank**
B = breeding.
N = nesting.
Q = taxonomy questions.
S1/G1 = Critically Imperiled.
S2/G2 = Imperiled.
S3/G3 = Vulnerable.
S4/G4 = Apparently Secure.
S5/G5 = Secure.
T = infraspecific taxonomy.
? = inexact rank.
[c.] **In or Near –** Features located “in” the town boundaries or “near”, within 0.2 miles of the town boundary.