

## BARTON COUNTY - DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITATS

### **ARKANSAS RIVER SHINER** - *Notropis girardi* (Hubbs and Ortenburger, 1929)

Status: Endangered in Kansas  
Threatened Nationally

### **SPECKLED CHUB** - *Macrhybopsis aestivalis tetranemus* (Girard, 1856)

Status: Endangered in Kansas

Currently, the following areas are designated critical for the Arkansas River shiner and speckled chub:

The main stem Arkansas River from the U.S. Highway 281 crossing (Sec. 33-T19S-R13W) to the Barton/Rice County border (Sec. 13-T20S- R11W).

### **BALD EAGLE** - *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* (Linnaeus, 1766)

Status: Threatened in Kansas  
Threatened Nationally

Currently, the following areas are designated critical for the bald eagle:

All lands and waters that lie within 5 air miles of Cheyenne Bottoms.

### **EASTERN SPOTTED SKUNK** - *Spilogale putorius interrupta* (Rafinesque)

Status: Threatened in Kansas

Currently, the following areas are designated critical for the Eastern spotted skunk:

All suitable habitats within Barton County. Spotted Skunks seem to prefer forest edges and upland prairie grasslands, especially where rock outcrops and shrub clumps are present. In western counties, it relies heavily on riparian corridors where woody shrubs and woodland edges are present. Woody fencerows, odd areas, and abandoned farm buildings are also important habitats.

### **LEAST TERN** - *Sterna antillarum* (Lesson, 1847)

Status: Endangered in Kansas  
Endangered Nationally

### **WHITE-FACED IBIS** - *Plegadis chihi* (Vieillot, 1817)

Status: Threatened in Kansas

### **WHOOPING CRANE** - *Grus americana* (Linnaeus, 1758)

Status: Endangered in Kansas  
Endangered Nationally

Currently, the following areas are designated critical for the least tern, white-faced ibis and whooping crane: All lands and waters within the boundaries of Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area.