

MONTGOMERY COUNTY - DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITATS

AMERICAN BURYING BEETLE - *Nicrophorus americanus* (Oliver)

Status: Endangered in Kansas
Endangered Nationally

All suitable habitat within Montgomery County. American burying beetles have been frequently found in upland grasslands or near the edge of grassland/forest. Sandy/clay loam soils and food (carrion) availability are also important. The species appears to prefer loose soil in which carrion can be easily buried.

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

Status: Threatened in Kansas
Threatened Nationally

All lands and waters that lie within 5 air miles of public lands at Elk City Reservoir.

BUTTERFLY MUSSEL - *Ellipsaria lineolata* (Rafinesque, 1820)

Status: Threatened in Kansas

The main stem of the Verdigris River from K-47 in Wilson County, (Sec.17-T29S-R16E), to the Kansas-Oklahoma border in Montgomery County, (Sec.18-T35S-R17E).

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

Status: Threatened in Kansas

- (1) All suitable habitats within the county are designated critical for Eastern Spotted Skunks. Spotted Skunks seem to prefer forest edges and upland prairie grasslands, especially where rock outcrops and shrub clumps are present. Woody fencerows, odd areas, and abandoned farm buildings are also important habitats for Spotted Skunks.

NEOSHO MUCKET MUSSEL - *Lampsilis rafinesqueana* (Frierson, 1927)

Status: Endangered in Kansas

The main stem of the Verdigris River from K-39 in Wilson County, (Sec.10-T28S-R15E), to the Kansas-Oklahoma border, (Sec.18-T35S-R17E).

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OUACHITA KIDNEYSHELL MUSSEL - *Ptychobranthus occidentalis* (Conrad, 1836)

Status: Threatened in Kansas

The main stem of the Verdigris River from K-57 in Greenwood County, (Sec.16-T22S-R12E), to the Kansas-Oklahoma border (Sec. 18-T35S-R17E).

RABBITSFOOT MUSSEL - *Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica* (Say, 1817)

Status: Endangered in Kansas

The main stem of the Verdigris River from the K-47 bridge, (Sec. 8-T29S-R16E), Wilson County, to the Kansas-Oklahoma border, (Sec.18-T35S-R17E).

WESTERN FANSHELL MUSSEL - *Cyprogenia aberti* (Conrad, 1850)

Status: Endangered in Kansas

All reaches of the Verdigris River in Montgomery County.