



**THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES  
KNOWN OR LIKELY TO OCCUR  
IN  
ATCHISON COUNTY, KANSAS**

**American Burying Beetle** (*Nicrophorus americanus*) - Endangered: May occur in suitable grasslands and upland woodlands. Endangered nationally.

**Bald Eagle** (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) - Threatened: Known to occur as a regular winter resident along the Missouri River. Prefers mature riparian woodland along the river. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Threatened nationally.

**Chestnut Lamprey** (*Ichthyomyzon castaneus*) - Threatened: Known to occur in the Missouri River main stem. Spawns over clean gravel in small tributary streams. Spawning has not been documented in Kansas. ***Critical habitat has been designated.***

**Eastern Spotted Skunk** (*Spilogale putorius interrupta*) - Threatened: May occur in suitable habitat. Prefers brushy grasslands and woodland edges. May also use abandoned or little used farm buildings.

**Eskimo Curlew** (*Numenius borealis*) - Endangered: Formerly a regular spring transient using bare fields and heavily grazed or burned grasslands. Has not been recorded in Kansas since 1902. A few birds may still migrate through the state. Endangered nationally.

**Flathead Chub** (*Platygobio gracilis*) - Threatened: Known to occur historically and may still occur in the Missouri River main stem. Prefers turbid streams with unstable sand bottoms. ***Critical habitat has been designated.***

**Least Tern** (*Sterna antillarum*) - Endangered: May occur as an occasional seasonal transient or summer visitant at waters where forage fish are abundant. Endangered nationally.

**Northern Redbelly Snake** (*Storeria occipitomaculata occipitomaculata*) - Threatened: Known to occur in suitable habitat. Prefers moist mature upland woodland having dense leaf litter, rocks, and other debris for cover.

**Pallid Sturgeon** (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) - Endangered: May occur in the Missouri River main stem. Prefers swift turbid rivers with firm sand substrate. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Endangered nationally.

**Peregrine Falcon** (*Falco peregrinus*) - Endangered: May occur as an uncommon seasonal transient or winter visitant at areas where waterfowl concentrate.

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**Piping Plover** (*Charadrius melodus*) - Threatened: May occur as a rare seasonal transient at sparsely vegetated shores of streams, marshes, or impoundments. Threatened nationally.

**Sicklefin Chub** (*Macrhybopsis meeki*) - Endangered: Known to occur historically and may still occur in the Missouri River main stem. Prefers areas of strong current over sand or gravel substrate. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Federal candidate.

**Silverband Shiner** (*Notropis shumardi*) - Threatened: Known to occur historically and may still occur in the Missouri River main stem. Prefers moderately deep areas of flowing water over sand or gravel substrate. ***Critical habitat has been designated.***

**Slender Walker Snail** (*Pomatiopsis lapidaria*) - Endangered: This amphibious snail is known to occur in the Delaware River basin. Requires permanent wetland vegetation growing on sandy soils. ***Critical habitat has been designated.***

**Smooth Earth Snake** (*Virginia valeriae elegans*) - Threatened: Known to occur in suitable habitat. Prefers rocky hillsides in or near moist woodlands where rocks, logs, or leaf litter provide cover.

**Snowy Plover** (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) - Threatened: May occur as an occasional seasonal transient or summer visitant at sparsely vegetated wetlands and impoundment shorelines.

**Sturgeon Chub** (*Macrhybopsis gelida*) - Threatened: Restricted to larger sandy rivers where they frequent areas swept by currents especially at heads of islands and sand bars. Known to occur historically and may still occur in the Missouri River main stem. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Federal candidate.

**Western Silvery Minnow** (*Hybognathus argyritis*) - Threatened: Prefers large shallow sandy rivers where it utilizes runs and backwater pools. Occurs in the Missouri River. ***Critical habitat has been designated.***

**White-faced Ibis** (*Plegadis chihi*) - Threatened: May occur as an occasional seasonal transient or summer visitant at wetlands and impoundments.

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