



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

American Burying Beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) - Endangered: Known to occur in suitable grasslands and upland woodlands. *Critical habitat has been designated.* Endangered nationally.

Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) - Threatened: Known to occur as an occasional winter resident or visitant near rivers and impoundments where prey species are abundant. Threatened nationally.

Eastern Spotted Skunk (*Spilogale putorius interrupta*) - Threatened: May occur at woodland edges, rocky brushy grasslands, and old debris piles or farm buildings.

Eskimo Curlew (*Numenius borealis*) - Endangered: Formerly a regular spring transient. May still occur as a rare seasonal transient. Prefers to feed on overgrazed grasslands and bare fields. Endangered nationally.

Flutedshell Mussel (*Lasmigona costata*) - Threatened: An obligate riverine mussel dependent upon clean riffles comprised of small to medium size gravel with clean water having moderate current. Historically occurred in Fall and Elk Rivers.

Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*) - Endangered: May occur at wetlands and impoundments as an occasional seasonal transient or summer visitant. Endangered nationally.

Neosho Mucket Mussel (*Lampsilis rafinesqueana*) - Endangered: An obligate riverine mussel preferring shallow clean-flowing water over a substrate of fine to medium size gravel. Known to occur in the Fall River. May occur in the Elk River. *Critical habitat has been designated.*

Ouachita Kidneyshell Mussel (*Ptychobranhus occidentalis*) - Threatened: An obligate riverine mussel requiring clean-flowing water over gravel substrate. May occur in the Elk River.

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) - Endangered: May occur as an occasional winter visitant at areas where waterfowl or other birdlife concentrate.

Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) - Threatened: May occur as a rare seasonal transient at wetlands and impoundments. Prefers sparsely vegetated shorelines. Threatened nationally.

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

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Western Fanshell Mussel (*Cyprogenia aberti*) - Endangered: An obligate riverine mussel found in mud, sand, gravel, and cobble substrate, generally associated with riffles with less than three feet of water depth. Only scattered individuals have been recently documented in the Fall 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.