



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

Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) - Threatened: Known to occur as a regular winter resident at Kanopolis Reservoir and near large water bodies and larger rivers where they feed on waterfowl and fish. *Critical habitat has been designated.* Threatened nationally.

Eastern Spotted Skunk (*Spilogale putorius interrupta*) - Threatened: May occur in suitable habitat. Prefers forest edge and rock outcrops in upland prairie grasslands. Also frequents fencerows, outbuildings, brushpiles, and riparian woodlands.

Eskimo Curlew (*Numenius borealis*) - Endangered: Formerly a regular spring migrant using plowed fields, heavily grazed pastures, burned grasslands, and prairie dog towns. Was most common in the eastern 2/3 of the state, but has not been verified in Kansas since 1902. A few birds may still migrate through the state. Endangered nationally.

Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*) - Endangered: Known to occur as seasonal transients or occasional summer visitants at impoundments and wetlands. Endangered nationally.

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) - Endangered: May occur as an uncommon seasonal transient or occasional winter visitant. Prefers marshes, lakes, and rivers where concentrations of waterfowl or other birdlife provide ample prey.

Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) - Threatened: May occur as a rare transient. Prefers sparsely vegetated shorelines of shallow lakes, salt flats and open ground in marshes, and bare river sandbars. Threatened nationally.

Snowy Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) - Threatened: May occur as an occasional summer visitant or transient on mud flats in wetlands, bare river sandbars, and shorelines on impoundments.

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*) - Threatened: May occur as a local summer visitant or seasonal transient in marshes and at impoundments.

Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*) - Endangered: Known to occur occasionally as a seasonal transient. May stop to rest and feed at marshes and hay fields. Endangered nationally.