



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

Arkansas Darter (*Etheostoma cragini*) - Threatened: Known to occur in the Cimarron River main stem and spring-fed tributaries in the Crooked Creek basin. Prefers areas of little current with aquatic vegetation. *Critical habitat has been designated.* Federal Candidate.

Arkansas River Shiner (*Notropis girardi*) - Endangered: Known to occur occasionally in the main stem of the Cimarron River. Dependent upon flood flows to successfully spawn. *Critical habitat has been designated.* Threatened nationally.

Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) - Threatened: Known to occur as an occasional winter visitant along the Cimarron River or near impoundments. Threatened nationally.

Checkered Garter Snake (*Thamnophis marcianus marcianus*) - Threatened: Known to occur historically and likely still occurs in suitable habitat. Frequents margins of pools in streams and near small impoundments.

Eastern Spotted Skunk (*Spilogale putorius interrupta*) - Threatened: Known to occur historically and may still occur in suitable habitat. Prefers woodland edges, abandoned buildings, and brushy grasslands along streams.

Flathead Chub (*Platygobio gracilis*) - Threatened: May occur occasionally in the main stem Cimarron River. Requires flood flows to successfully spawn.

Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*) - Endangered: Known to occur as a regular summer resident along the Cimarron River. Frequents bare sandbars and sparsely vegetated shorelines in streams and lakes. Known to nest in suitable habitat. *Critical habitat has been designated.* Endangered nationally.

New Mexico Blind Snake (*Leptotyphlops dulcis dissectus*) - Threatened: Known to occur in suitable habitat. This nocturnal snake frequents ant burrows and moist areas having loose soil and sand where rocks provide cover.

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) - Endangered: May occur as a rare winter visitant near areas where waterfowl or other birds concentrate.

Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) - Threatened: May occur as a rare seasonal transient at marshes or on sparsely vegetated shorelines of streams and lakes. Threatened nationally.

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Snowy Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) - Threatened: Known to occur as a regular summer resident on sparsely vegetated shores of streams, wetlands, and impoundments. Known to nest in suitable habitat. *Critical habitat has been designated.*

Texas Longnose Snake (*Rhinocheilus lecontei tessellatus*) - Threatened: Known to occur in suitable habitat. Prefers semiarid grasslands with sandy soils and/or rocky outcrops.

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*) - Threatened: Known to occur as an occasional seasonal transient or summer visitant at streams, wetlands, or impoundments. *Critical habitat has been designated.*

Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*) - Endangered: Known to occur as an occasional seasonal transient. Endangered nationally.