



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

**Bald Eagle** (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) - Threatened: Known to occur as an occasional summer resident and winter visitant or transient. *Critical habitat has been designated.* Threatened nationally.

**Black-footed Ferret** (*Mustela nigripes*) - Endangered: Formerly occurred over the western 2/3 of the state. Last confirmed record of a live ferret in Kansas was in 1957. Ferrets are largely dependent upon prairie dog towns for food and cover. This county may still provide suitable habitat. Endangered nationally.

**Eastern Spotted Skunk** (*Spilogale putorius interrupta*) - Threatened: May occur in suitable habitat. Prefers rocky outcrops in prairies, brushy fencerows, woody riparian corridors, brushpiles, and abandoned or little used outbuildings.

**Least Tern** (*Sterna antillarum*) - Endangered: May occur as an occasional seasonal transient near water bodies. Endangered nationally.

**Peregrine Falcon** (*Falco peregrinus*) - Endangered: Known to occur as an uncommon seasonal transient or 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, open areas in wetlands, and bare river sandbars. Threatened nationally.

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

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

**Whooping Crane** (*Grus americana*) - Endangered: May occur as an occasional seasonal transient. May stop to rest at wetlands or open fields away from disturbance. Endangered nationally.