



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

American Burying Beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) - Endangered: Known to occur historically. Prefers loose sandy/clay loam soils in grasslands and upland woodland edges. Endangered nationally.

Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) - Threatened: Known to occur as regular winter resident along the Big Blue and Kansas Rivers and at Tuttle Creek Reservoir. Wintering eagles are dependent upon 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 transient using plowed fields, heavily grazed pastures, burned grasslands, and prairie dog towns. Has not been verified in Kansas since 1902. A few birds may still migrate through Kansas. Endangered nationally.

Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*) - Endangered: Known to nest along the Kansas River and at the Jeffrey Energy Center. May also occur occasionally as seasonal transients or summer visitants near water areas where food (small fish and aquatic crustaceans) is available. *Critical habitat has been designated.* Endangered nationally.

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

Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) - Threatened: Known to nest along the Kansas River. May also occur as an uncommon transient at sparsely vegetated shorelines of shallow lakes, salt flats and open ground in marshes, and bare river sandbars. *Critical habitat has been designated.* Threatened nationally.

Snowy Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) - Threatened: Known to occur occasionally as a summer visitant or seasonal transient on bare flats in wetlands, bare river sandbars, and open beaches at impoundments.

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Sturgeon Chub (*Macrhybopsis gelida*) - Threatened: Restricted to larger sandy rivers where they frequent areas swept by currents especially at heads of islands and sandbars. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Federal candidate.

Topeka Shiner (*Notropis topeka*) - Threatened: Known to occur in the Big Blue River basin. Prefers small streams with high water quality and clean gravel substrate. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Endangered nationally.

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*) - Threatened: May occasionally occur in summer at wetlands and impoundments, but no nesting records.