



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

Arkansas Darter (*Etheostoma cragini*) - Threatened: Known to occur in the Salt (Rattlesnake) Creek drainage and have been recorded as waifs in the Arkansas River main stem. Prefers shallow, clear, spring-fed headwater streams having sand or sand-gravel substrates with aquatic vegetation, or similar protective cover present. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Federal Candidate.

Arkansas River Shiner (*Notropis girardi*) - Endangered: May occur occasionally in the main stem Arkansas River. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Threatened nationally.

Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) - Threatened: Known to occur as a regular winter resident. 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 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 Kansas. Endangered nationally.

Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*) - Endangered: May occur foraging in summer along Arkansas River and Salt Creek. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Endangered nationally.

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) - Endangered: May 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: May occur as an uncommon transient through Kansas. Prefers sparsely vegetated shorelines of shallow lakes, salt flat and open ground in marshes, and bare river sandbars. Threatened nationally.

Snowy Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) - Threatened: May occur as a regular summer visitant or resident on saline flats in wetlands and bare river sandbars. ***Critical habitat has been designated.***

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Speckled Chub (*Macrhybopsis aestivalis tetranemus*) - Endangered: May occur in currents over clean, fine sand, avoiding calm water and silt bottoms. This subspecies is restricted to the Arkansas River and its larger perennial tributaries. ***Critical habitat has been designated.***

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*) - Threatened: May occur as a local summer resident or visitant near marshes and impoundments but no nesting records. ***Critical habitat has been designated.***

Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*) - Endangered: Known to occur as a regular spring and fall transient. Frequently stops to rest and feed at marshes and hay fields. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Endangered nationally.

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