

# CHECKLIST OF KANSAS TALLGRASS PRAIRIE MAMMALS

Nomenclature in the following list is taken from:  
"A Checklist of the Vertebrate Animals of Kansas",  
3rd edition, 2005, by George Potts and Joseph Collins.

E = Endangered    T = Threatened  
\* = Non-native    X = Extirpated from the wild in Kansas

## 42 Species

### LIFE HISTORY REFERENCES:

#### **Mammals in Kansas, 1974**

By Bee, Glass, Hoffman & Patterson, KU Press (out of print)  
(See an online version at: [http://www.ksr.ku.edu/libres/Mammals\\_of\\_Kansas/list.html](http://www.ksr.ku.edu/libres/Mammals_of_Kansas/list.html))

#### **Peterson Field Guide to the Mammals, 3rd edition, 1998**

By Burt & Grossenheider, Houghton Mifflin

### Opossums

Virginia Opossum - *Didelphis virginiana*

### Shrews and Moles

Elliot's Short-tailed Shrew - *Blarina hylophaga*

Least Shrew - *Cryptotis parva*

Eastern Mole - *Scalopus aquaticus*

### Bats

Big Brown Bat - *Eptesicus fuscus*

Eastern Red Bat - *Lasiurus borealis*

Hoary Bat - *Lasiurus cinereus*

Little Brown Myotis - *Myotis lucifugus*

Evening Bat - *Nycticeius humeralis*

Eastern Pipistrelle - *Pipistrellus subflavus*

### Rabbits and Hares

Eastern Cottontail - *Sylvilagus floridanus*

### Rodents

Eastern Fox Squirrel - *Sciurus niger*

Franklin's Ground Squirrel - *Spermophilus franklinii*

Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel - *Spermophilus tridecemlineatus*

Plains Pocket Gopher - *Geomys bursarius*

Prairie Vole - *Microtus ochrogaster*

\* House Mouse - *Mus musculus*

Eastern Woodrat - *Neotoma floridana*

Northern Grasshopper Mouse - *Onychomys leucogaster*

White-footed Mouse - *Peromyscus leucopus*

Deer Mouse - *Peromyscus maniculatus*

\* Norway Rat - *Rattus norvegicus*

Western Harvest Mouse - *Reithrodontomys megalotis*

Plains Harvest Mouse - *Reithrodontomys montanus*

Hispid Cotton Rat - *Sigmodon hispidus*

Southern Bog Lemming - *Synaptomys cooperi*

Meadow Jumping Mouse - *Zapus hudsonius*

### **Carnivores**

Coyote - *Canis latrans*  
Gray Wolf (X) - *Canis lupus*  
Red Fox - *Vulpes vulpes*  
Northern Raccoon - *Procyon lotor*  
Long-tailed Weasel - *Mustela frenata*  
Least Weasel - *Mustela nivalis*  
Badger - *Taxidea taxus*  
Striped Skunk - *Mephitis mephitis*  
Eastern Spotted Skunk (T) - *Spilogale putorius*  
Mountain Lion (Puma) (X) - *Puma concolor*  
Bobcat - *Lynx rufus*

### **Even-toed Hoofed Mammals**

Wapiti - *Cervus elaphas*  
White-tailed Deer - *Odocoileus virginianus*  
Pronghorn - *Antilocapra americana*  
Bison (X) - *Bos bison*

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