

**WRP Easement Management  
Species of Greatest Conservation Need (Mammals)**

<b>Common Names</b>	<b>State Distribution</b>	<b>Area Sensitivity</b>	<b>Habitat Preference</b>
<i>Northern</i> Short-tailed Shrew	statewide	½ to 6 acre home range	Grasslands, old fields, fencerows; prefer damp, wet areas and fields covered w/ thick plant cover or leaf litter. Populations are most dense in bushy bogs and marshes, damp brushy woodlands, and weedy and bushy borders of fields.
Least Shrew	statewide in suitable habitat	~0.75 acre home range	Open grass, brush, and dry fallow fields. Prefers grassy, weedy or brushy fields and more commonly found in damp or mesic areas, often bordering streams or lakes.
White-tailed Jackrabbit	Isolated pocket populations – esp. N. & Central Iowa; not in area 4, 8, or 9	1 to 2 square mile home range	Prefer treeless open, short to mid-height grassland (with shrubs) but thrive in pastures and hayfields, mowed airstrips, and sloughs. Disturbance through moderate grazing or haying creates needed habitat.
Franklin's Ground Squirrel	statewide in isolated pockets of suitable habitat	home range varies from ~20-53 acres	Primarily a resident of the borderland habitats (savanna) between woods and prairies and rarely uses either forest or strictly open prairies. Prefers habitats with intermediate height grasses and usually not found in areas with short or mowed grasses. Railroad rights-of-way are important permanent corridor links to suitable prairie-savanna habitat.
Plains Pocket Mouse	Mostly W. Iowa in suitable habitats 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7	home range less than 0.25 acre	Found in arid to semi-arid grassland habitats; especially in loess soils of relatively ungrazed, grassy slopes.
Prairie Vole	statewide in suitable habitat	home range <1 acre	Tallgrass prairie, upland herbaceous fields, grasslands, thickets, fallow fields, legumes (i.e. alfalfa, clover, lespedeza). If meadow voles occur in the same area, prairie voles occupy the areas with shorter, drier, and more varied vegetation.
Southern Bog Lemming	statewide in suitable habitat	home range <1/2 acre	Prefers heavy stands of bluegrass or sedges in low, moist areas, bogs, and damp woods, and it favors habitats that have a thick mat of vegetation. They feed mostly on vegetation such as grasses, sedges, mosses, fruits, fungi, bark and roots.
<i>Eastern</i> Spotted Skunk	statewide in suitable habitat	~160 acres; exact size of home range determined by quality of food & coverage during all seasons	Savannas and open prairies associated with rocky shrubby areas are preferred. Areas that have extensive expanses of vegetative cover with thickets are all utilized by this species, and it requires cover between den and foraging sites (i.e. brushy field border, fencerow, heavily vegetated gully). Rock piles, rock crevices, brush piles, hollow logs, old abandoned buildings, or under root wads are favorite denning sites.