

## **Animal Aggregations**

Tracked by the Natural Heritage and Nongame Research Program

In addition to rare plants, animals, and native plant communities, the NHNRP tracks locations of certain animal aggregations, regardless of the legal status of the species present. For some species, these aggregations only occur during certain times of the year, for example during migration. While grouped together in these aggregations, animals are particularly vulnerable to disturbance or a single catastrophic event, which could result in the loss of many individuals. Therefore, although species which make up the aggregations are not all on our rare species list, the following aggregation sites are tracked because of their sensitivity to disturbance.

Bald Eagle Winter Roost Sites  
Bat Concentration Sites  
Colonial Waterbird Nesting Sites  
Mussel Bed Sites  
Prairie Chicken Booming Grounds  
Sandhill Crane Migratory Roost Sites