



# Illinois ENDANGERED & THREATENED SPECIES



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## northern harrier *Circus hudsonius* [state endangered]

The northern harrier lives in marshes or fields. This bird eats amphibians, birds, insects, mammals and reptiles. It flies near the ground, gliding over an open field or marsh looking for food. Its call is "pee, pee, pee." Spring migration begins in late February. Nesting occurs from May through July. The nest is built on the ground and is made of twigs and grasses. Two to five blue-white eggs are laid. Fall migrants begin appearing in July.

### Reasons for Concern

- habitat destruction
- pesticides and other pollutants

