

## Birding Opportunities at Pembina Trail Preserve SNA

The Nature Conservancy's Pembina Trail Preserve lies on a prominent beach ridge at the eastern edge of Glacial Lake Agassiz and is one of the most spectacular prairies in northwestern Minnesota. The 2,377-acre site is associated with the Pembina trail, a major ox-cart route that traders used to haul furs and supplies between Winnipeg and St. Paul. Sandhill Cranes gather here by the thousands during spring and fall migration and 124 other species make this there home for some part of the year. Visit in spring to hear the Greater Prairie Chickens boom. Visit in early fall to catch a glimpse of the Ruby-throated Hummingbird sip from a multitude of prairie flowers.

### Taxonomy, Season and Abundance Key

The names and taxonomic arrangement of species follows that of the Checklist of the Birds of Minnesota (January, 2005) prepared by the Minnesota Ornithological Union (MOU) Records Committee.

The **seasons** in the checklist are defined as follows:

**Sp** (Spring) = March, April, May

**Su** (Summer) = June, July

**Fa** (Fall) = August, September, October, November

**Wi** (Winter) = December, January, February

**Abundance codes** are defined as follows:

**C** = Common — present, relatively easy to find

**U** = Uncommon — observed, may be difficult to find

**O** = Occasional — may or may not be present in any year

**R** = Rare — has occurred at least once, may recur

SNA Bird Checklist	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Trumpeter Swan	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	C	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shoveler	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pintail	C			
<input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-tailed Grouse	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Prairie-Chicken	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> American White Pelican	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	U	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged Hawk			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	C	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Merlin	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Rail		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sora	U	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Crane	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	U	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Yellowlegs		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Upland Sandpiper	U	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Marbled Godwit	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Sandpiper			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pectoral Sandpiper			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Phalarope		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Tern		U	O	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Short-eared Owl	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee		C	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher	U	C	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher		C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	U	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher		C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Kingbird	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shrike	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo	O	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo		O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	C		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Magpie	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow	U	C	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch		O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	C	C	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren	U	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren	U	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	O		O	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird		U	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	O	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	C	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	U	C		
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<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling	U	C	C	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing		C	C	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	O	C	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	
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<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	C	C	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lark Sparrow			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Grasshopper Sparrow		C	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Baird's Sparrow			R	
<input type="checkbox"/> Le Conte's Sparrow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow		R		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Harris's Sparrow			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lapland Longspur	O		O	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dickcissel		O		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-headed Blackbird	U	U	U	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Oriole	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	U	U	U	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Common Redpoll				C
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	U	C	C	
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<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow	O	O	O	

This checklist contains the names of all birds that have been documented at this site by reliable observers, including project coordinator Melissa Driscoll, Bob Janssen, Jerry Bonkoski and volunteer observers, as well as MOU records, and data contained in research reports. Funding for this project was provided in part by the State Wildlife Grants program administered by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Checklist layout by Jennifer Lintelmann. Persons interested in the sources used in preparation of this list may contact Project Supervisor/Nongame Specialist Katie Haws at 218-308-2641.

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# Pembina Trail Preserve

## Scientific and Natural Area

# ✓ BIRD Checklist



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather: \_\_\_\_\_

Observers: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_



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