It is with heavy hearts, that we announced the cancellation of this year’s bird walk, (scheduled for June 7th) due to Covid-19 restrictions. It is one of the hardest decisions we have had to make and was not made without careful consideration. We are not ready to 100% give up on this great event, so we have decided to host the 66th Annual Birdwalk as a Virtual Birding Experience. While this isn’t the ideal situation we want to make the best of it.

We encourage you to join us on our virtual birding adventure by going on your own birdwalk. This event is your opportunity to learn about birds and share your birding adventures with us.

Beginning May 31st and running through June 13th we will be sharing various bird facts, adventures, and of course door prize drawings.

We will be asking you to share your birding photos, stories, life species list, and much more! Join our event and stay tuned for some great birding information moving forward!

Check it out at:
https://www.facebook.com/events/634690163752530/

“We must meet the challenge rather than wish it were not before us.”
- William J. Brennan Jr. -
Birding Trivia

Be the first to answer correctly on our Virtual Facebook Event when the question is asked at 9 am daily and you can win a prize!

**TRNHA Annual Birdwalk - Trivia Question #1**

**WHAT’S THAT BIRD’S NAME?**

This bird is the fastest moving bird in North America and has been recorded diving at 200 mph.

**TODAY'S PRIZE - TRNHA BIRDWALK T-SHIRT**

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**TRNHA Annual Birdwalk - Trivia Question #2**

**WHAT’S THAT BIRD’S NAME?**

This bird creates a tiny (about 6 cm) nest and then lays two tiny pea-sized white eggs.

**TODAY’S PRIZE - TRNHA BIRDWALK TOTE**

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**TRNHA Annual Birdwalk - Trivia Question #3**

**WHAT’S THAT BIRD’S NAME?**

This bird is often described as being a thief and is thought by some people to bring bad luck.

**TODAY’S PRIZE - BIRD BOOK**

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**TRNHA Annual Birdwalk - Trivia Question #4**

**WHAT’S THAT BIRD’S NAME?**

A group of this type of birds is often called a Parliament.

**TODAY’S PRIZE - TRNHA BIRDWALK TRAVEL MUG**

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**TRNHA Annual Birdwalk - Trivia Question #5**

**WHAT’S THAT BIRD’S NAME?**

This bird got its name because of the way they crack open seeds and nuts.

**TODAY’S PRIZE - BIRDWALK T-SHIRT**

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**TRNHA Annual Birdwalk - Trivia Question #6**

**WHAT’S THAT BIRD’S NAME?**

Normally, this bird will lay 3 to 5 eggs in this famous eye-catching blue color.

**TODAY’S PRIZE - SONG BIRD GREETING CARDS**
What’s that Bird?

Photos and information shared by Birding Expert & TRNHA Board Member Jesse Kolar

Red-breasted Nuthatch, one of the tamest birds in the park, and often with black-capped chickadees.

American Goldfinch (AKA in North Dakota as a canary, albeit mistakenly). Only the males look this bright, and only for a few months out of the year, so most people do not recognize that they show up at their feeders in the winter.

Brewer’s Blackbird, pretty easy to find in prairie dog towns. Look for a light-eyed blackbird with a really shiny look to it. They’re very similar to a grackle, but I think they act more like a cowbird with their tails and head often pointing straight in the air.

Black-headed Grosbeak. Although we used to find these consistently on the Bird Walk, they’re not as common as they once were in Cottonwood Campground. They’re still regularly found in the badlands, and this photo was taken near the Chateau de Mores.

Yellow-breasted Chat, hard to see, but heard in most of the park where there are deciduous trees all summer long, and all day and night long. One of the handful of birds in the state that like to mimic other bird sounds.

Black-capped chickadee. Because these are one of the few birds that remain in winter and sing all year long, most North Dakotans recognize their song, whether they know what it is or not. Example song: https://www.allaboutbirds.org/.../Black-capped.../sounds
Tidbit #1:
Theodore Roosevelt National Park is continuing the phased reopening of park facilities where possible. The 14-mile North Unit and 24-mile South Unit scenic drives remain open for out-and-back travel. Trails are open in both units, and bathrooms are available.

Visitor centers and campgrounds remain closed, and Cottonwood Campground reservations have been canceled for the month of July and reservation fees refunded through recreation.gov. Visitors looking for campgrounds should visit the forest service at fs.usda.gov/activity/dpg/recreation/camping-cabins, Medora area campgrounds at medorand.com, and Watford City area campgrounds at visitwatfordcity.com

We thank you for your understanding. If you have further questions, please reach out in the comments or at (701) 623-4466.

Tidbit #2:
This month the National Park Service is encouraging visitors to Map Their Journey. Here at Theodore Roosevelt National Park we take that literally!

Due to soft geology, game trails are easily worn into the landscape and can be mistaken for official park trails. When you’re hiking, keep an eye out for trail markers to assure you’re on the mapped trail system. Hiking post-to-post will assist with keeping you on your route. If you are thinking of going on a longer hike, consider purchasing a topographic map at shoptrnha.org.
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