

Appendix C: Manitoba Conservation Data Centre correspondence

Wiens, Jonathan

To: Friesen, Chris (SD)
Subject: RE: CDC Query - Portage La Prairie

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From: Friesen, Chris (SD) [<mailto:Chris.Friesen@gov.mb.ca>]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 9:51 AM
To: Wiens, Jonathan
Subject: RE: CDC Query - Portage La Prairie

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Jonathan

Thank you for your information request. I completed a search of the Manitoba Conservation Data Centre's rare species database for your area of interest.

I am attaching an excel table summarizing these occurrences. The table includes scientific and common names, the provincial (SRank) rank for each species as well as MB Endangered Species and Ecosystem Act, COSEWIC and SARA designations. Further information on this ranking system can be found on our website at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/cdc/consranks.html> and these designations can be found at <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/e111e.php>, <http://www.cosewic.gc.ca/> and http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/default_e.cfm.

Manitoba's recommended setback distances can be found at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/cdc/pubs.html>

The information provided in this letter is based on existing data known to the Manitoba Conservation Data Centre of the Wildlife and Fisheries Branch at the time of the request. These data are dependent on the research and observations of our scientists and reflects our current state of knowledge. An absence of data does not confirm the absence of any rare or endangered species. Many areas of the province have never been thoroughly surveyed, therefore, the absence of data in any particular geographic area does not necessarily mean that species or ecological communities of concern are not present. The information should not be regarded as a final statement on the occurrence of any species of concern, nor should it substitute for on-site surveys for species or environmental assessments. Also, because our Biotics database is continually updated and because information requests are evaluated by type of action, any given response is only appropriate for its respective request.

Please contact the Manitoba CDC for an update on this natural heritage information if more than six months passes before it is utilized.

Third party requests for products wholly or partially derived from our Biotics database must be approved by the Manitoba CDC before information is released. Once approved, the primary user will identify the Manitoba CDC as data contributors on any map or publication using data

from our database, as the Manitoba Conservation Data Centre; Wildlife & Fisheries Branch, Manitoba Sustainable Development.

This letter is for information purposes only - it does not constitute consent or approval of the proposed project or activity, nor does it negate the need for any permits or approvals required by the Province of Manitoba.

We would be interested in receiving a copy of the results of any field surveys that you may undertake, to update our database with the most current knowledge of the area.

If you have any questions or require further information contact me directly at (204) 945-7747.

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Scientific Name	Common Name	S Rank	ESEA	SARA	COSEWIC
Contopus cooperi	Olive-sided Flycatcher	S3B	Threatened	Threatened	Threatened
Dolichonyx oryzivorus	Bobolink	S4B			Threatened
Hirundo rustica	Barn Swallow	S4B			Threatened
Nassella viridula	Green Needle Grass	S3S4			

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From: Wiens, Jonathan [mailto:jwiens@hydro.mb.ca]
Sent: January-20-17 3:24 PM
To: Friesen, Chris (SD)
Subject: CDC Query - Portage La Prairie

Hello Chris,

MH is beginning to investigate another potential transmission project. Would you be able to query the CDC data base for any occurrences in this polygon?

Thank you very much,

Jonathan Wiens