

We are seeking 2 field biologists to work on a research project on Oahu, Hawaii. The project is a multi-disciplinary effort investigating seed dispersal networks comprised of interacting native and non-native plant and vertebrate species in Hawaiian forest ecosystems. Specifically, the project will focus on (1) identifying and quantifying vertebrate (birds and rats) seed dispersers and their interactions, (2) radio-telemetry of key seed dispersers, and (3) evaluating/predicting effects of seed disperser movements and diet preference on vegetation communities. Field work will include mist-netting and banding birds, diet sampling of vertebrates, trapping rodents, surveys of plants and vertebrates, nest searching, radio-telemetry, and plant and vertebrate experiments. Lab work will include identification of seeds and insects from diet samples and seed traps. Aviary work will include gut passage and diet preference experiments. The candidate selected for this position will work on a field crew of 10-14 people including other technicians, interns, and graduate students. Must be able to work in rugged terrain in challenging field conditions and to live with a large crew.

Qualifications: B.A/B.S. degree in biology, natural resources, wildlife biology or related field. Applicant must have at least 2 years of field experience. Preference will be given to applicants with experience in tropical ecosystems, avian ecology, avian nest searching, rat ecology, seed and/or plant ecology, and radio telemetry.

Start date: January 2nd, 2015 for an initial 6 month contract. Continued employment may be possible pending satisfactory performance.

Salary: \$1500 per month. Housing and field vehicles provided. Technicians will be hired through the University of New Hampshire

Contact: Dr. J. Patrick Kelley (jpkelley@ucdavis.edu). Email a brief letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and contact information for 3 references familiar with your experience and qualifications. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until positions are filled. Please write "Field techs Hawaii – Your last name" in subject heading.