

## ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF WILDLIFE HABITAT ECOLOGY

**PURPOSE:** This is a full-time (9 month/academic-year) tenure-track position in the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Conservation Biology.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** The candidate will develop an internationally-recognized research program in Wildlife Habitat Conservation and Restoration, with an emphasis on managing habitats and ecosystems for vertebrate populations. A field component to research and familiarity with forests, wetlands, rivers, and /or lakes habitats and ecosystems is desired. The candidate will be expected to develop an active and successful extramurally supported research program that is relevant to Maine and the northeastern U.S., and may include (but is not limited to): effects of forestry on wildlife habitat, wetland restoration, removal of dams, genetic restoration of animal populations, and shifting wildlife distributions in response to habitat alterations and climate change. We are especially interested in applicants who apply innovative approaches that will complement the department's current strengths in wildlife research and foster integrative approaches to complex problems requiring applied solutions. Collaborations with other ecologists on or off campus, including with state or federal agencies are expected. The faculty appointment for this position is 50% research and 50% teaching; teaching responsibilities will include primary instruction for undergraduate courses in wildlife conservation and endangered species, a graduate course in restoration ecology, involvement in existing field ecology courses, participation in courses addressing conservation of biological diversity at the undergraduate and graduate level, and other responsibilities consistent with departmental and college needs. The faculty member is expected to have a strong interest in education, advise and mentor undergraduate students, recruit and train graduate students, serve on departmental, college, and university committees, be active in professional societies, and be committed to the Land Grant University missions of teaching, research, outreach, and public service.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A Ph.D. is required by date of hire in a relevant area of Wildlife Ecology, Conservation Biology, or Applied Ecology, along with training and research experience in restoration and human influences on habitats and ecosystems from a wildlife perspective. A proven track record of conducting high-quality scientific research, as evidenced by publications in peer-reviewed journals, is required. Other measures of potential for success, such as prior success in obtaining funding, college level instruction, professional presentations, mentoring, and interdisciplinary collaboration are desirable.

Questions regarding the position should be sent to: Dr. Stephen Coghlan, Co-Chair of Search Committee, [wlefacultysearch@maine.edu](mailto:wlefacultysearch@maine.edu) with subject heading "Wildlife Habitat Conservation and Restoration Search."

Appropriate background checks are required.

All UMS employees are required to comply with applicable policies and procedures, as well as to complete applicable workplace related screenings, and required employee trainings, such as Information Security, Safety Training, Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment.

Materials must be submitted electronically through the Employment at UMaine website - <https://umaine.hiretouch.com/applicant-login?jobID=21179>. You will need to create a profile and application; submit a cover letter; curriculum vitae; statements of teaching and research interests, and details of post-secondary course work (copies of transcripts or other listing); a list of contact information and a summary of previous professional affiliations for 6 potential references. Review of applications will begin December 20, 2014 and will continue until the position is filled. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.

The University of Maine is an EEO/AA employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.