

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, invites applications for the tenure-track position of Assistant Extension Specialist in Wildlife Biology and Conservation.

The tenure home of this position will be in the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources of the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences (<http://deenr.rutgers.edu/>). The successful candidate will provide leadership on the design and implementation of research studies in wildlife biology and conservation, primarily focusing on native and invasive species in New Jersey. The Specialist will be expected to obtain external funding in support of research, to publish in peer-reviewed scientific journals, and to present findings at appropriate professional meetings. The Specialist will also be responsible for the development and delivery of extension programming in wildlife biology and wildlife damage control to meet the needs of New Jersey, addressing ecosystem health and functionality and human-wildlife conflicts such as landscaping and forest impacts, community-based deer management plans, and interactions involving native species and introduced pest species. This includes identifying research needs in wildlife damage control and providing leadership in assembling appropriate research teams as needed to address the most pressing problems. The Specialist will establish public programs to educate residents about wildlife biology and wildlife management. The Specialist will integrate and coordinate programs in wildlife biology and conservation among government agencies (including USDA Wildlife Services, NJ DEP's Division of Fish & Wildlife), community groups (including Farm Bureau and County Boards of Agriculture), and Rutgers University/NJ Agricultural Experiment Station.

In addition, the Specialist will teach in the Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources curriculum, offering "Wildlife Ecology and Conservation" in fall semesters and "Animal Behavior" in spring semesters (or equivalents), and will supervise undergraduate and graduate students conducting independent research projects.

The position requires a Ph.D. in ecology or wildlife biology and a minimum of two years of experience involving extension service, research, and teaching. The applicant must have a record of scholarly publications and evidence of success in procuring external funding. The applicant should have prior experience in the preparation of technical reports on wildlife issues (e.g., extension service fact sheets).

Applicants should e-mail a single PDF containing a cover letter, CV, and contact information for five references, plus PDFs of their five most significant publications to Dr. Nina Fefferman (fefferman@aesop.rutgers.edu) by January 31, 2015.

Enquiries about the position can be directed to Dr. Henry John-Alder (henry@aesop.rutgers.edu).

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Individuals covered by Section 503 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or Section 402 of the Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 may self-identify. If you wish to self-identify, please do so in the cover letter transmitting your curriculum vitae/resume. Rutgers is also an ADVANCE institution, one of a limited number of universities in receipt of NSF funds in support of our commitment to increase diversity and the participation and advancement of women in STEM disciplines. Employment eligibility verification required.