

Job Title: Wildlife Field Technician (Breeding Bird and Small Mammal Surveys)
Agency: Purdue University - Dept. of Forestry & Natural Resources
Closing Date: February 27, 2015 or until filled
Start Date: Approx. May 11, 2015
End Date: Approx. August 7, 2015
Compensation: \$10.00/hour and housing*

Up to 7 Wildlife Field Technicians will help carry out research on the effects of silvicultural treatments on the ecology of managed forests as part of the Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment (HEE).

Primary duties of the position(s) will be to conduct aural bird surveys (May-June) and small mammal trapping (July-August). Bird surveys may also be conducted on sites in the Hoosier National Forest between the HEE and Tell City, IN. Additional duties may include nighttime owl surveys, insect sampling, vegetation surveys and others assigned as needed. Field work will be conducted at Morgan-Monroe and Yellowwood State Forests near Martinsville, IN and Bloomington, IN (respectively).

This position requires a valid driver's license with a good driving record (driving background check required). Work conditions have the potential to be extreme, including traversing rugged terrain through dense, thorny shrubs and working in high temperatures and high humidity.

Preferred applicants will have demonstrated experience with bird surveys and/or small mammal trapping. Experience with plant identification in the Midwest, hand-held GPS units, maps and compass is also desirable. Each work week will generally consist of five 8-hour days. Work will not exceed 40 hours in a week. Current students and recent B.S. graduates are encouraged to apply. Applicants may apply either for the full summer field season or for only the bird surveys or small mammal trapping, depending on interest and availability. Preference should be indicated on the HEE field crew application form at the link below.

The successful applicant(s) may be subjected to a comprehensive background check managed by Purdue University's Human Resources department. The final hire is contingent upon clearance of this background check.

Please contact Dr. Barny Dunning (jdunning@purdue.edu <<mailto:jdunning@purdue.edu>>) for questions related to bird surveys or Dana Nelson (nelsondl@purdue.edu <<mailto:nelsondl@purdue.edu>>) for questions related to small mammal trapping. General questions regarding the positions may also be directed to Dr. Mike Saunders (msaunder@purdue.edu <<mailto:msaunder@purdue.edu>>).

To apply, please complete a HEE field crew application, available for download at <http://www.ag.purdue.edu/programs/hee/Pages/jobs.aspx> or by contacting the HEE field crew supervisor (information below). Send this application along with a current resume including references and a brief letter of interest by email to:

Jeff Riegel
HEE Field Crew Supervisor
jriegel@purdue.edu <<mailto:jriegel@purdue.edu>>
Phone: 812-340-1255

*Bunkhouse/camp style field housing is provided. Residents will be required to pay a \$300 refundable security deposit prior to beginning work in addition to a \$20 non-refundable cleaning fee. Residents will also be required to help with regular cleaning and general upkeep of the facility.

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