

Job opportunity: (1-2) Bird Banders

Location: Washington, D.C./MD/VA

Duration: April - July (flexible)

Job Type: Seasonal

Application Deadline: 03/15/2015

Job Description:

1-2 Skilled Bird Banders are needed between mid-April-July (flexible) for a study on the contribution of native and non-native plants to urban food webs. This project works within the Neighborhood Nestwatch program (URL: http://nationalzoo.si.edu/scbi/MigratoryBirds/Research/Neighborhood_Nestwatch/) and combines avian ecology, entomology and citizen science to investigate food resources for birds in suburban backyards. Daily duties primarily include target and passive netting breeding and migratory birds to color band and collect blood, fecal and feather samples. Duties will also include processing blood samples for laboratory analysis, point count surveys, resighting color-banded birds, nest searching/monitoring, and assisting with insect/vegetation sampling as needed. Perks include the opportunity to learn a diverse array of skills and the occasional pancake breakfast. During the height of the breeding season, applicants should expect long hours and a 6-7 day/wk schedule. Visits to field sites will require daily commutes in busy DC traffic conditions. MD housing convenient to the District will be provided, and government vehicles will be used for work travel. Salary will be commensurate with experience. (\$325-450/week).

Qualifications:

Required qualifications: 1) the ability to work independently and keep meticulous notes, 2) a valid driver's license; 3) the personality to positively interact with the public on a spontaneous (but regular) basis, and 4) experience using mist nets and independently banding passerine birds.

Preferred qualifications: Experience taking blood samples from birds, identifying eastern/ornamental woody plants and identifying eastern breeding birds by sight and sound.

To Apply:

To apply please send the following in a PDF or word document: 1) a letter of interest highlighting your relevant experience, approximate number of birds handled, dates of availability, and the reason you are interested in this position; 2) a CV, and 3) the names and contact information for three references that can attest to your experience and suitability for this position. Please send all documents to DESIREE NARANGO (Email: nestwatch.foodweb@gmail.com) and put FOOD WEB BIRD BANDER as the subject of your email application. Positions will be open until filled.