

(3-4) FIELD TECHNICIANS at the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center.

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

Duration: 3-3.5 months.

Job Type: Seasonal.

Application Deadline: 15 March 2014.

Job Description: 3-4 Skilled field technicians are needed between 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/](http://nationalzoo.si.edu/scbi/MigratoryBirds/Research/Neighborhood_Nestwatch/)) and combines avian ecology, entomology and citizen science to investigate food resources for Carolina Chickadees in suburban backyards. Daily duties may include nest monitoring, insect sampling, color-band resighting, vegetation surveys, data entry, lab work and more.

Required qualifications: 1) the ability to work independently and keep meticulous notes, 2) demonstrated field experience in either avian, insect and/or woody plant sampling methods, 3) a valid driver's license; and 4) the personality to positively interact with the public on a spontaneous (but regular) basis. Preferred qualifications: (1-2 positions) experience independently banding passerine birds (taking blood samples, target netting, aging, etc), (1 position) Insect identification and taxonomy, (1 position) experience leading a crew (Any position) background in horticulture, woody plant identification or urban ecology.

Perks include the opportunity to learn a diverse array of skills and the occasional pancakes. During the height of breeding season, applicants should expect long hours and a 6-7 day/wk schedule. Visits to field sites will require daily commutes in sometimes busy DC traffic conditions. MD housing and vehicles for work travel will be provided. Location is convenient to the District as well as many natural areas, national parks and cultural and historic sites. Salary will be commensurate with experience. (\$325-450/week).

To apply please send the following in a PDF or word document: 1) a letter of interest highlighting your relevant experience, 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.foodwebATgmail.com) and put FOOD WEB FIELD TECHNICIAN as the subject of your email application. Positions will be open until filled.