

Volunteer Field Assistants Needed for Non-invasive Carnivore Research in Arizona

I am currently seeking volunteers to assist me in a non-invasive study of the carnivore communities of southern Arizona, as part of my dissertation research on resource partitioning at the University of Louisiana Lafayette.

POSITION: Volunteer field assistants

DURATION: Currently, I am looking for volunteers for anytime until July 2015.

STUDY SITE: The study is being conducted in three protected areas in southern Arizona: Saguaro National Park, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, and the Chiricahua Mountains.

QUALIFICATIONS: Assistants must be in good physical condition and willing to work in the field for up to 10 hours a day, often in hot and very dry weather.

LIVING CONDITIONS/EXPENSES: We house volunteers for free in the Phoenix area. We transport volunteers from Phoenix to each field site and back. Lodging at the field sites will consist of camping. Camping site fees will be covered and we will provide tents, however volunteers will be responsible for providing their own camping equipment and food.

MAIN DUTIES: Assistants will be conducting non-invasive surveys of carnivores using trail cameras, track plates, and sign/scat surveys, as well as performing vegetation surveys. Assistants will gain valuable experience in the following methods:

- Fieldwork in an arid environment
- Use of GPS
- Remote wildlife cameras
- Track plates
- Sign and scat surveys
- Vegetation surveys
- Identification of mammal tracks and scat

Those interested should send a current CV or resume to Ange Darnell at ange.darnell@gmail.com with "Volunteer Carnivore Assistant" in the subject line.