

Position – PhD Opportunity – University of Florida, School of Natural Resources and the Environment, Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation (Gainesville, FL)

Seeking a highly motivated Ph.D. student to enroll at the Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation (WEC) and the School of Natural Resources and the Environment (SNRE) at the University of Florida, starting fall 2015. This student will work as part of a large, long-term research project on spatial ecology, population biology and conservation of an endangered raptor, the Everglade Snail Kite. This project is unparalleled in spatial population biology and conservation by providing rigorous demographic and movement information across the entire breeding range of this critically imperiled species for the past 22 years, which has been used in both site-level and regional-level management, restoration, and conservation (see, e.g., Reichert et al. 2012, Ecology; Fletcher et al. 2013, Nature Communications). Preferred applicants will be highly motivated, have field experience, strong quantitative skills, interest in both field work and quantitative modeling, and competitive GPA/GRE scores (>50% percentile required).

Students with strong initiative and desire to carve out their own research questions within this project are highly encouraged to apply. If you are interested in pursuing a Ph.D. degree on this project, please send Dr. Fletcher a CV, GRE scores and GPA, contact information for three references, and a brief statement of your research interests, career goals, and why you would like to pursue a graduate degree by **May 17** or earlier (email to: robert.fletcher@ufl.edu). Note that for the Ph.D. program, incoming students will typically already have a **M.S. degree**. Please see the WEC Graduate Program website for more details on application procedures. Also consult the School of Natural Resources and the Environment at UF for other opportunities regarding graduate admission. For more information on the department, our research, and our vibrant lab, see: <http://plaza.ufl.edu/robert.fletcher/>. **Stipend (\$21,000-24,000/year)** and health benefits included. Funding is expected to be available for up to 5 years.

Information about Gainesville, Florida:

Situated in the rolling countryside of north-central Florida, Gainesville is much more than a stereotypical college town. Home of the University of Florida, seat of Alachua County's government and the region's commercial hub, it is progressive, environmentally conscious and culturally diverse. The presence of many students and faculty from abroad among its 99,000-plus population adds a strong cross-cultural flavor to its historic small-town Southern roots. Its natural environment, temperate climate and civic amenities make Gainesville a beautiful, pleasant and interesting place in which to learn and to live. Gainesville has been ranked as one of the best cities to live in the United States.