

Seasonal Field Technician
Position # 60034247
North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Wildlife Diversity Program

Job Description

We are hiring one field technician to conduct inventory surveys for priority species and habitats identified in the North Carolina Wildlife Action Plan (NCWAP; <http://www.ncwildlife.org/plan/index.htm>). Surveys will take place on private lands in the Uwharrie Mountains region of the North Carolina Piedmont. The goals of this project are to better understand the distribution of priority species and habitats in the region and to build positive relationships with private landowners. The successful applicant will conduct point count surveys for songbirds, cover object searches for amphibians and reptiles, dip netting for amphibians in small wetlands, and will construct drift fences for reptiles and small mammals. Up to 94 priority wildlife species identified in the NCWAP could be detected during the inventory. The applicant may also assist with the following projects: Bachman's sparrow point count surveys, insect sampling, bat roost surveys, nocturnal bat detector surveys, mammal track plating and other duties as assigned. The applicant may assist in developing survey protocols and may coordinate with a variety of state and federal agencies, private landowners and land trusts. Field work will be conducted primarily in the NC counties of Montgomery, Randolph, Stanly and Moore. The job will begin March 1, 2010 and go through November 2010. Work hours will not be standard and will include early mornings and some work at night. Duties will require working alone in remote field locations.

The employee's duty station will be in Star, NC. Our office is located in the 'STARworks NC' Center for Creative Enterprise in Star (www.starworksn.org or www.centralparknc.org). Pay will be \$12.25 - \$12.50 per hour for 40 hours per week, depending upon training and experience. The Wildlife Resources Commission will deduct taxes. A vehicle and equipment will be provided. Affordable housing options are available in Star, NC.

Qualifications

A 2-year degree in Wildlife Biology or related field is required, Bachelor's degree or higher is preferred. The technician must be able to reliably identify southeastern breeding birds by sound and sight. Preference will be given to those candidates that are also able to identify priority amphibians and reptiles. Experience with habitat identification, and the ability to quickly learn survey techniques and species identification is necessary. The ability to communicate and outreach to private landowners and hunting lease owners is essential. Experience working with ArcMap is preferred and an ability to use GPS is essential. We are looking for a self-starter with good organizational skills, who can work well independently in a remote rural area.

Applications

Send a resume, including the names and phone numbers of 2-3 references, and a cover letter, electronically or by mail to:

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Call (910) 638-4887 during business hours with any questions, or e-mail kacy.cook@ncwildlife.org.

Deadline: Applications must be received by February 1, 2010.