

Title: Wildlife Technician (Amphibian and Bird)

EMPLOYER: Michigan State University, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife

DURATION: April 13 –August 1 2010 (Dates are somewhat flexible)

LOCATION: Northern Michigan: Cadillac/Traverse City area

SALARY: \$450/week (\$1800/month). Housing included

DESCRIPTION:

Assist with conservation research of amphibians and birds in northern Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Applicant will work closely with a PhD student and wildlife biologist from Michigan State University. Start and end dates (4/13 -8/01) may be negotiated. Job duties include conducting visual encounter surveys for amphibians and point-counts for birds occurring in early successional aspen stands. In addition, applicant will be required to install herpetofauna sampling devices and conduct vegetation surveys. Must be proficient at identifying and herpetofauna of Northern Michigan, keeping detailed field notes, and working in strenuous field conditions with a small group of people. Technician will be required to spend long hours in the field during inclement weather. Must be able to carry field equipment (20 pounds or more) through thick understory. Preference will be given to individual who has additional background in marking amphibians, identifying Michigan songbirds, and 4x4 truck operation. Work schedule will be 5-6 days a week; possibly 6 days a week during peak periods (May). Work hours will sometimes exceed 40hrs/week. Hired person will gain a detailed knowledge of non-game wildlife of the upper Midwest and have opportunities to participate in a variety of wildlife studies.

Shared housing and transportation to and from field sites will be provided.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Baccalaureate degree in wildlife, biology or a related field; or 2 years of technical training and 2 years of experience in a related field; or working towards a Baccalaureate degree in related field with previous field experience.

To apply send a brief cover letter, resume and three references with telephone numbers to Clint Otto (ottoclin@msu.edu). Applications will be accepted until 15 February 2010 or until the position is filled.