

Are you interested in researching waterbirds and seabirds in the San Francisco Bay?



WATERBIRD FIELD CREW LEADER WITH USGS (1) – DAVIS AND SAN FRANCISCO BAY, CA: Seeking a Biological Science Technician (about \$16-18 per hour) at the USGS Davis Field Station from November 2010 to September 2011 (with possibility of extension) to work on studies on waterbird ecology and avian reproduction in the San Francisco Bay and Central Valley of California. Primary duties will involve leading field crews, organizing and managing large datasets, and coordinating research projects. Experience with nest monitoring, radio telemetry, and capturing and handling waterbirds is preferred. Specific duties may include locating and monitoring several species of waterbird nests to estimate survival; handling and measuring chicks; capturing, marking, and radio-tracking Forster's tern chicks; collecting body condition and avian influenza data from hunter harvested ducks; maintaining equipment; egg and fish sample processing; field and laboratory sorting and identification of birds and fish; data entry; organizing field work; and collecting other ecological data as directed by supervisor. Nest monitoring involves hiking through marshes for much of the day and lifting heavy boats and motors off vehicles into ponds on a daily basis. Applicants should have experience with the operation of 4WD vehicles and boats and must be comfortable working in small boats and in heavy, urban traffic conditions. Incumbent will be expected to enter data into spreadsheets, compile and organize field data, as well as prepare tabular data, graphs, charts, and reports under the direction of the supervisor. Position will require incumbent to work independently and as a team member to execute field research. **We are seeking an enthusiastic and organized person with a strong work ethic. Must be willing to work some long hours, including early morning, evening, or nighttime hours and some weekends as needed. Housing is not provided.** Incumbent will initially work in Davis, CA, and then in April 2011 will lead a field crew at either of two field sites near San Jose (waterbird nesting studies) or Fairfield (duck nesting studies) California. **If interested send cover letter, resume, and 3 references VIA EMAIL to: Dr. Josh Ackerman (jackerman@usgs.gov), Dr. Mark Herzog (mherzog@usgs.gov) and Dr. Garth Herring (gherring@ucdavis.edu) ASAP.** Please contact any of the persons above if you have any questions.

THIS JOB IS CURRENTLY OPEN ON USAJOBS (www.usajobs.gov; Ann#: WR-2011-0001) and closes on Oct. 12, 2011.

Josh Ackerman is here at the conference and would be happy to answer any specific questions you might have.