

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS (4-6) needed for two weeks September 7-18, 2009 to do transect searches for Maui Parrotbill, and other endangered forest honeycreepers, in Waikamoi Preserve on Haleakala, Maui, Hawaii. Maui Parrotbill are critically endangered, estimated at around 500 remaining individuals, and Waikamoi has not been well-surveyed. Primary field duties include aiding staff with finding and GPSing locations of Maui Parrotbill and `Akohekohe and recording Maui Creeper groups and group sizes along transects. Field duties are physically challenging, working at 5,000-7,000 ft elevation, in muddy and steep rainforest conditions. Desirable Qualifications: (1) Excellent physical health, (2) Excellent birding skills, experience with bird survey methods, and capacity to detect birds by their vocalizations (3) Experience and comfort with wilderness hiking. Provided Benefits: (1) An introduction to Hawaiian forest bird conservation and ID by trained biologists with the Maui Forest Bird Recovery Project; (2) Getting to search for one of the most endangered birds in the United States in an amazing rainforest setting; (3) Housing at our intern and volunteer cottage (4) Transport to and from the airport and into town for shopping (5) Field gear required for searches. Work schedule will include 1 full day of training and 9 full days of searches in The Nature Conservancy's Waikamoi Preserve with a weekend break in between for your own free time to explore Maui. Volunteers will provide their own food during their stay as well as transport to and from Kahului, Maui. The Maui Forest Bird Recovery Project is asking for a \$500 donation to help off-set the costs of transport and field supplies. (Donation may be subject to waiver depending upon experience). To apply please send a resume and cover letter outlining your ornithological experience and expertise with special attention to rare bird searches or bird survey experience to Dr. Dusti Becker: cdb@hawaii.edu.

Thanks,

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