RESEARCH ASSISTANTS needed for nest studies of Maui Parrotbill, an endangered forest honeycreeper, on Haleakala, Maui, Hawaii. Four positions available for a period of 20 weeks, January to May 2008. Maui Parrotbill are rare, little known and nests are extremely difficult to find. This is a field based research position but assistants will be responsible for both field and office duties.

**Primary field duties** will be: (1) locating and monitoring Maui Parrotbill nests to determine nest success and causes of failure; (2) collecting field data on nest sites and reproductive behavior and re-sighting banded individuals; (3) collecting field data from other Hawaiian honeycreepers. Field duties may also include: (4) maintaining alien predator control grids of rodenticide bait stations and mechanical traps; (5) assisting egg or bird harvesting from selected nests for the captive-propagation program; (6) mist-netting and banding Maui Parrotbill and other forest birds; (7) assisting set-up and maintenance of nest monitoring cameras; (8) assisting staff with other ongoing projects. Office duties include, but are not limited to office, vehicle and grounds maintenance, data entry, report writing, administrative clerical work, and preparation and maintenance of field equipment. Field duties are extremely physically challenging. Remote research sites require 9-12 hour hike across Haleakala crater at 5,000-9,000 ft elevation, living and working in small teams in extremely wet (annual rainfall up to 400 inches), cold, muddy and steep rainforest conditions at high elevations. Helicopters will be used to re-supply field camps. Basic aviation safety training is available. Work schedule will include 10-day field trips with alternating days in the office and re-supplying. Preference will be given to applicants with experience of passerine research, nest location and nest studies. Assistants must be able to work and live in small teams in remote field camps in extremely physically demanding conditions, to work independently and responsibly, have a good work ethic, take personal initiative and must have a valid drivers license.

**Desirable qualifications** include a B.S. in ecology, biology, ornithology, botany or similar field; research with endangered birds; mist-netting and banding; small mammal trapping; GIS skills; work with nest cameras; First Aid qualification. Benefits include: $1280 a month, housing and most field equipment, limited transportation on Maui and an opportunity to work in pristine native rainforest and gain field experience in avian conservation with a highly endangered species and ecosystem management. Applicants must provide their own airfare to Kahului, Maui.

**To apply** send a letter of interest, resume, 3 references (with phone numbers and addresses) by October 10th to: Hanna Mounce, Maui Forest Bird Recovery Project, 2465 Olinda Rd. Makawao, HI 96768 or email: mounce@hawaii.edu with “MAPA job 2008” in the subject heading.

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