Job Description

Job Title: Endangered Forest Bird Field Assistant
Job ID: 10494
Project Name: Pacific Coop Studies Unit
Full/Part Time: Full-Time
Regular/Temporary: Regular

MINIMUM MONTHLY SALARY RANGE: $1,664 - $1,900/Mon.

DUTIES: Participates in research and management projects for the recovery of Kauai's threatened and endangered forest birds, with emphasis on Puaiohi (Myadestes palmeri), 'Akikiki (Oreomystis bairdi), and 'Akeke'e (Loxops caeruleirostris). Participates in research activities to determine factors influencing forest bird population dynamics, especially factors limiting populations. Enters field and GIS data into computer files for information summary and reporting. Helps maintain electronic records. Helps Coordinator develop and present materials for outreach and environmental education. Assists with equipment and vehicle management.

PRIMARY QUALIFICATIONS: EDUCATION: High School Diploma. EXPERIENCE: Up to one (0-1) year of (paid or volunteer) experience in biological fieldwork. Experience with one or more of the following techniques: mist netting, banding and collecting blood samples from passerines; radio-tracking and re-sighting marked birds; conducting forest bird surveys and identifying birds by sight and sound; nest searching and monitoring; conducting vegetation surveys, quantifying avian food resources. Experience entering data. Demonstrated experience working in remote areas. ABIL/KNOW/SKILLS: Working knowledge of the principles of avian population ecology and conservation. Computer literacy and familiarity with Microsoft programs (e.g., Excel, Word). Ability and skills in techniques of avian population ecology. Ability to enter and manipulate data using spreadsheets and databases. Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Must be able to identify individual birds by color bands and locate birds by their vocalizations. Ability to navigate off-trail in dense forest. Must possess a valid driver's license and be able to drive a 4-wheel drive vehicle. Post Offer/Employment Conditions: Must be able to complete basic helicopter safety training course within twelve (12) months of hire. Must possess the American Red Cross Certification in First Aid/CPR (or be able to obtain the certificate following the training provided within 6-month new hire probationary period. PHYSICAL/MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS: Ability to hike eight (8) miles on obscure trails with up to forty (40) pounds. Must be able to live and conduct fieldwork with other crew members in isolated field camps under inclement weather conditions for up to ten (10) days at a time on a regular basis. May require strenuous physical exertion and heavy lifting.

SECONDARY QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's Degree from an accredited four (4) year college or university in Biological Sciences. At least one (1) year of (paid or volunteer) experience in biological fieldwork. Interest and background in forest bird ecology. Experience with most bird research techniques described above. Experience sampling insects and plants, and controlling invasive plants and animals. Experience working with native Hawaiian flora and fauna, especially Hawaiian forest birds, and familiarity with local conservation issues. Ability to identify Hawaiian forest birds by sight and sound. Familiarity with Geographic Information System (GIS) software (ArcGIS 9.x etc.) and...
database software (Filemaker Pro, etc). Familiarity with the Alakai Wilderness Area, Kauai. Experience performing public outreach/environmental education activities.

INQUIRIES: Lisa Crampton 338-1361 (Kauai).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: The preferred method of applying for a job is through our on-line application process. Please go to www.rcuh.com, click on "Employment" and navigate to "Job Announcements/Apply for a Job." However, if you do not have access to the Internet, you may apply by submitting resume; cover letter including Recruitment ID#, referral source, narrative of your qualifications for position and salary history; names, phone numbers and addresses of three supervisory references and copy of degree(s)/transcripts/certificate(s) to qualify for position by fax (808) 956-5022, mail, or hand-deliver to: Director of Human Resources, Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii, 2530 Dole Street, Sakamaki Hall D-100, Honolulu, HI 96822 before the closing date. Online applications and faxed documents must be submitted/received by the closing date (11:59 P.M. Hawaii Standard Time/RCUH receipt time). Mailed documents must be postmarked by the closing date. Hand-delivered documents must be received by our HR office by 4 P.M. Hawaii Standard Time/RCUH receipt time. If you have questions on the application process and/or need assistance, please call (808)956-3100.

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Please apply before: 09/10/2010