

Job Title: Avian Conservation Research Field Assistant

Job Type: full-time temporary position

Opportunity location: Alakai Wilderness, Kauai, Hawaii

Closing date (if specified): March 28, 2010

Opportunity Description:

HAWAII AVIAN CONSERVATION FIELD ASSISTANT needed from Mid April to Late August for breeding season work with the Kauai Forest Bird Recovery Project. Our project focuses on a variety of work with three endemic Hawaiian songbirds - the Akikiki, Akeke'e, and Puaiohi - that all inhabit the extremely wet, beautiful, and rugged montane rainforest located at ~4500ft on the island of Kauai. This is a rare opportunity to work on endangered tropical species in the U.S. while gaining valuable research skills. The work is physically challenging, requiring a 4 to 8 mile hike to the main field camps by way of steep slopes, tangled forest, and stream crossings. Daily activities include conducting ornithological fieldwork while hiking through dense forest, in and along streams, and often in rainy and chilly weather. Applicants must be: able to detect birds by color-bands and sounds, physically fit, and able to navigate rugged and complex terrain using GPS and maps. Experience with songbird re-sighting, behavioral observation, territory mapping, nest searching, point counting, radio telemetry, vegetation surveys, and mist-netting is strongly desired. Abundant enthusiasm for conserving Hawaii's native species (including the ability to kill a few invasive species along the way) is essential, as are self-motivation, the ability to work well in a small team, a positive attitude, and willingness to live in a remote field camps for more than a week at a time. Careful data collection is a must. When not in the field, duties will include data entry and organization, maintenance of field equipment and living quarters, and other work around the office. Compensation is housing, limited use of project vehicles, and ~\$1300/mo. Must provide own travel to Kauai and have a valid driver's license. To apply, send 1) resume, 2) cover letter, and 3) contact info for 3 references and address all inquiries to Lucas Behnke by email to puaiohijobs AT gmail.com. Positions open until filled, no applications received after **March 28th** will be considered.

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