

AMERICORPS YEAR-ROUND AVIAN CONSERVATION FIELD ASSISTANT needed for work with the Kauai Forest Bird Recovery Project. This position is in conjunction with and contingent upon Americorps funding, with applications initially being accepted by the Recovery Project. The position will last from early-October, 2011 through October, 2012.

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 at 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 field activities include conducting ornithological fieldwork while hiking through dense forest, in and along streams, 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 counts, radio-telemetry 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, and when not in the field, office duties will include data entry and organization, both supervised and independent research projects, maintenance of field equipment and living quarters and other work around the office.

Compensation is up to \$1300/mo, and eligible applicants may also receive health benefits and an educational award. Housing when not in the field IS NOT provided through the program, but it may be available through the Project for part of the year, dependent upon funding. The successful applicant must provide own travel to Lihue, Kauai and have

a valid drivers license.

**Applications will be accepted until August 5, 2011, 5pm HST.**

Required materials include a current resume, cover letter, and contact information for 3 references.

**To apply**, please fill out our online application form at:

<http://kauaiforestbirds.org/employment>

Applications will not be accepted in any other format.