Job Announcement: Volunteers at Kaua‘i Forest Bird Recovery Project/ Northern Arizona University

Seeking one to two volunteers to assist with a Northern Arizona University graduate project on the island of Kauai. This project will investigate the effect of natural and anthropogenic factors on the reproductive success of Hawaiian forest birds. Position will tentatively extend from June 30 to July 18, 2012.

Job description:

Volunteers will work in a remote, high-elevation field location that is only accessible by an 8 mile hike through the rainforest. We will have two, 5 to 8-day trips and there will be a few days off in between these trips during which volunteers can explore the island. While in the field, volunteers will live and work in an extremely wet environment (it rains almost every day); and, because the field site is at ~4000ft, it can be very cold. All crew will be expected to live in harmony with their colleagues in a small field camp either in a weatherport or in a tent.

Field work will mostly include collecting environmental data on terminated nests. There also might be a few remaining nests that the crew will help monitor. Volunteers also will help disassemble and pack up camp and field gear, as these will be the last field trips of the season. At the end of each trip, field crew members will be expected to help with maintaining housing, office, and vehicles. The last two days of volunteer work will consist of a last, massive data entry effort in addition to helping put away field gear for the season.

Qualifications:

The most important characteristics that we seek are:
- Positive attitude, enthusiasm, and the ability to learn
- A passion for the outdoors (love for camping, hiking, etc)
- Ability to live and work well with a small community of people in a remote environment
- Ability to follow directions and work independently
- Ability to record observations clearly and attentive to detail

Secondary qualifications:
- Experience with nest monitoring
- *Experience with working in remote locations
- Experience with data collection and data entry

What we provide:
- Housing while on Kauai
- Transportation to and from worksites while on Kauai
- Field equipment

To Apply:
- Send cover letter and cv as ONE attachment (including contact information for 3 professional references) to Ruby Hammond at rubyh@hawaii.edu before April 15, 2012.