AVIAN FIELD TECHNICIAN WITH AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY

Location: Laysan Island, Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument.
Duration: 8 months (27 July 2012 – end March 2013).
Salary: $2,100/month plus food and housing on Laysan.
Number of Openings: 1.
Application Deadline: 3 June 2012.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Field assistant needed to assist with capturing and translocating Millerbirds from Nihoa to Laysan in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. After orientation in Honolulu and a brief capture period on Nihoa, the technician will remain on Laysan for 6–7 months to monitor the birds released in August, as well as the small population created by the initial translocation in 2011. S/he will monitor survival, breeding, movements, and behavior of Millerbirds on Laysan Island. Primary duties include resighting color-banded birds, using radio-telemetry to track birds, spot mapping, nest searching and monitoring, and limited mist-netting and banding. The field assistant will conduct data entry on Laysan, communicate effectively with ABC and USFWS supervisors in Honolulu via email and satellite phone, produce regular reports, and assist with considerable pre- and post-voyage activities. The candidate will work collaboratively with other members of the USFWS National Wildlife Refuge’s camp to maintain the field facility and assist with other restoration activities including, but not limited to, habitat restoration and monitoring Laysan Duck and Laysan Finch populations.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must be in excellent physical health with outstanding hearing and vision, be able to tolerate extreme heat and isolation, and the stress of working in a densely populated seabird colony. Applicants must be highly independent, self-motivated and comfortable living with 4–6 other people on a small, remote atoll in the Pacific with limited outside contact for 6–7 months. Travel to Nihoa and Laysan involves a 4 day sea voyage that is often difficult. Applicant must pay their own way to Honolulu, Hawai‘i. Preference given to candidates with experience working with endangered passerines and working in seabird colonies.

TO APPLY: send CV, cover letter, and contact information for three references to CHRIS FARMER (EM: cfarmer AT abcbirds DOT org); please include “Millerbird Tech” as subject.