Job Announcement:

Seeking three volunteers/interns to assist with a Northern Arizona University graduate project on the island of Kauai. This project investigates the effect of natural and anthropogenic factors on reproductive success of Hawaiian forest birds. Position will extend from ~February 25th until the end of June, 2013.

Job description:

Interns will work in a remote, high-elevation field location that is only accessible by an 8 mile hike through the rainforest. Field schedule rotates so that crews work nine days in the field, one day in the office, and then have 4 days off to explore the island. While in the field, interns will live and work in an extremely wet environment (i.e., it rains almost every day and for most of the day). Because the field site is at ~4000ft, it is often 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 identifying birds by sight and sound, searching for nests using behavioral cues, monitoring nests, and setting up artificial nests and nest cameras. During the last month of the field season, we will also collect vegetation data. At the end of each trip field crew members will be expected to help with maintaining housing, office, and vehicles. Data entry will also be part of your regular office-duties. Your help with outreach events might also be required at some point during the field 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 identifying birds by sight and sound.
- **Experience with nest searching (especially forest bird nests!)
- Experience with re-sighting color-banded birds
- *Experience with working in remote locations
- Experience with data collection and data entry

What we provide:

- Housing while on Kauai
- Limited transportation 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 by Oct 15, 2012.