

Klamath Bird Observatory



Advancing bird and habitat conservation through science, education, and partnerships

BIRD MONITORING POSITIONS (2) – NORTHERN CA

Pay Rate: \$12.75/hr.

Duration: ~April 16 - August 10, 2018

Primary Locations: Lewiston and Sawyers Bar, CA

Klamath Bird Observatory (www.klamathbird.org) is seeking to fill two Field Technician positions in our bird monitoring and research program at riparian restoration sites along the Trinity, Salmon, and possibly Klamath Rivers in northern California. Field work will be followed by ~2 weeks of office work in Ashland, Oregon (exact dates to be determined). These positions are made possible with funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Funds are being made available to expand existing opportunities at KBO for professional-level training for young adults from Native American, Hispanic, African-American, or other communities underrepresented in the field of natural sciences. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain exposure to an array of field biology research methods while working in a beautiful part of the world!

EXPECTATIONS: Primary duties are territory-mapping surveys for riparian songbird species, resighting color-banded Yellow-breasted Chats, assisting with target-netting birds and retrieving light-level geolocators, vegetation surveys, data entry, and other office tasks as needed. Training in field protocols, bird identification by sight and sound, and navigation with compass and GPS will be provided. Driving between field sites and camping for the duration of the field season will be required. These are training positions and there will be opportunities for career development and mentorship with wildlife professionals. Field Technicians will give a short presentation on a research topic of their choice at the end of their experience.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must be ≤ 25 yrs old (or ≤ 35 yrs old if a veteran), and should have a strong interest in birds, field biology, conservation, or natural resources. Applicants should be prepared to start early (at dawn), work full days in the field in all weather, carefully follow protocols and meticulously record data, be in good physical condition, and possess good communication skills. Applicants must enjoy the outdoors and be willing to work in areas with poison oak, blackberry, and biting insects, with the potential to encounter rattlesnakes, black bears, and cougars. It is essential that the applicant be comfortable and capable of working independently both at remote sites and in areas where interaction with the public is likely. Previous experience with birds or other ecological research is preferable, but not required.

COMPENSATION: Field Technicians will be paid \$12.75/hr, for 40 hrs/wk. Camping near field sites and specialized field equipment (e.g. binoculars, GPS unit) will be provided. Initial transportation to Ashland, OR, and personal field gear (e.g. tent, hiking boots) are the responsibility of the applicant. Applicants must have a valid driver's license, insurance, and be able to provide their driving record. Use of a personal vehicle for work purposes may be necessary, and if so, Field Technicians will be reimbursed for per-mile transportation costs.

TO APPLY: Send cover letter (include how you qualify as an underrepresented group in the sciences, whether you have a personal vehicle, and can drive a manual transmission), résumé, and contact info for 3 references by email to Dr. Sarah Rockwell (smr@klamathbird.org). We will review applications on a rolling basis, and continue until positions are filled.