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Job Announcement

Seasonal Avian Biologist (Summer Work, 38-40 hours a week)

Ecological Studies is a small environmental consulting firm with expertise in wildlife ecology and aquatic ecology. Ecological Studies is seeking applications for 2 experienced avian biologist positions for work in Monterey County. Applicants must have strong, demonstrated bird identification and observation skills. Fieldwork will primarily involve bird identification, nest finding, and making and interpreting observations of offspring provisioning behaviors. Nest searching and behavioral observations are conducted in teams of 2+ people. The objective of the work is to find and protect all nest and dependent young from potential adverse effects of riparian revegetation work by constructing protective buffers around nests and family groups.

Field Season Timing and Hours: This is a perfect position for students with avian expertise that have the summer off. This position begins June 24 (possibly a few days earlier) and continues until Sept 1 of 2019. However, we can be flexible with start and end dates to coincide with college schedules. It is a 38-40 hour a week position. The project is located along the Salinas River Corridor between Salinas and San Ardo. Project drive time and miles are reimbursed from Salinas to the project sites.

Experience Required: Applicants must have proven experience in both visual and auditory identification of California breeding birds, as well as experience interpreting avian reproductive and parental care behaviors. The applicant must also have ability to work and in teams. We work in teams for both safety reasons and to help triangulate the bird movements to the nest site.

Field Conditions: Being fit and “field hardy” is a must, including strong ankles, strong knees, and heat tolerance. Tolerance to poison oak is not required but is a plus. Expect to cover a lot of ground, approximately 3-6 miles per day. The work is rugged, the ground is uneven and there are no trails. There are some areas with poison oak. We start at first light when it is cool but the corridor of Salinas River can get very hot from 11 to 1 pm during the walk back.

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