

Ornithology Field Assistant Job Description

We are looking for enthusiastic and reliable ornithology field assistants to join our survey teams in 2019. Fieldwork is a substantial element of the job, and successful applicants will be expected to carry out field surveys on upland sites throughout Scotland. As such a reasonable level of fitness is essential. You will live on site in one of our field locations in Angus, Moray or Perthshire in a close-knit team of like-minded people. Travel to other sites is required, and own transport is desirable but not required.

This is a challenging but rewarding role, allowing successful applicants the opportunity to work in amongst wonderful scenery in the Scottish uplands, recording a variety of flora and fauna. Teams are given a week-long training course prior to starting the role, with additional on-going training throughout the survey season. Training may include navigation, first aid, 4x4 driving, habitat impact assessment, vegetation, mammal and Lepidoptera identification and GIS.

Interviews will be held late February in Angus/Moray. Positions are available beginning in mid-April and June, lasting until mid-August. There may be opportunity to extend these positions for the right candidates.

Candidates must be prepared to live in shared accommodation in remote and sometimes isolated sites.

Essential criteria

Candidates should use the application form to show evidence of:

- Strong bird ID skills
- A sound background in or enthusiasm for natural history and familiarity with UK flora and fauna
- Excellent attention to detail
- Good level of physical fitness

If invited to interview, candidates will be tested on the above criteria.

Desirable criteria

Candidates may find it helpful if they have the following:

- GIS Experience
- Practical experience of conservation/field survey work
- Protected species licences
- Experience with botanical surveys (e.g. Phase 1 Habitat survey)
- Knowledge of upland management techniques
- Membership of CIEEM
- A full driving licence
- 4x4 experience
- Technical report writing experience
- First aid training

Application process

Salary is dependent on experience but will be in the region of £16000 - £20000 per annum, pro rata.

Completed application forms should be submitted to info@taylorwildlife.co.uk by 16:30 on 18th January 2019. Early applications are encouraged. C.Vs will not be accepted.