

Taylor Wildlife have a number of vacancies for seasonal short-term Field Assistants.

All positions involve carrying out field survey in the Scottish uplands. These will primarily be habitat and peatland surveys but where experience allows, there will be opportunity to undertake, bird and butterfly surveys. Knowledge of different survey methods is useful but not essential, as full training will be given in navigation, health and safety, survey methods, data entry and QGIS. It is far more important that candidates have upland plant i.d. and habitat monitoring skills and a good level of physical fitness.

Successful candidates will live on site in one of our field locations in Moray, Perthshire or Angus in teams of 2 - 6. Due to COVID-19, it is likely that team members will be unable to mix indoors with other households for the duration of the survey season and this is something candidates should take into consideration prior to applying.

Most start dates will fall between May and June, with contracts ending between mid-July and the end of August. We will accept applications until all of the positions are filled and as such early applications are encouraged.

#### **Essential criteria**

- Good upland plant ID skills are vital. Candidates must be able to identify most common upland plants and to recognise grazing impacts.
- Experience with botanical surveys (e.g. Phase 1 habitat surveys).
- A good level of physical fitness. Candidates must be able to cover 15 – 30 km over rough, boggy and/or steep terrain daily.
- A sound background in or enthusiasm for natural history, and familiarity with UK flora and fauna.
- Excellent attention to detail.

#### **Desirable criteria**

- A full driving licence.
- 4x4 experience.
- GIS experience (particularly QGIS).
- Knowledge of upland management techniques.
- Technical report writing experience.
- Practical experience of conservation/field survey work.
- Protected species licence(s).

Please visit [www.taylorwildlife.co.uk](http://www.taylorwildlife.co.uk) for more information on how to apply, salary details and COVID-19 procedures.