



## Owl Banding Internship Description

<b>Title:</b>	Owl Banding Intern
<b>Provider:</b>	Bird Conservancy of the Rockies (BCR)
<b>Reports to:</b>	Nancy Drilling
<b>Location:</b>	Theodore Roosevelt National Park, North Dakota
<b>Duration:</b>	One (1) month
<b>Dates:</b>	September 30 through October 27, 2018
<b>Compensation:</b>	This is an unpaid internship with housing provided. BCR also will provide a living stipend of \$400 per month for the duration of the Internship Program.

### ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION:

Bird Conservancy of the Rockies (BCR) conserves birds and their habitats through an integrated approach of science, education and stewardship. Our work extends from the Rockies to the Great Plains, Mexico and beyond. Our mission is advanced through sound science, achieved through empowering people, realized through stewardship and sustained through cross-border collaborations. We monitor and identify population trends, research habitat needs, engage landowners and managers in wildlife and habitat stewardship, and inspire audiences of all ages to be better stewards of the land. Together, we are improving native bird populations, the land, and the lives of people. Learn more about our work and programs at our website: [www.birdconservancy.org](http://www.birdconservancy.org)

### PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Within the western Dakotas, forests occur as tiny corridors and patches in the middle of a sea of grass. These forested patches are stopover sites for a variety of migrating forest bird species, yet the role of these forested islands and corridors for migrating forest owls is not known. This project operates a series of owl banding stations during the fall migration period along the Little Missouri River corridor in the western Dakotas, focusing on the Northern saw-whet owl (NSWO). The banding not only help us understand owl migration patterns in the Great Plains, but fills a gap in the continent-wide NSWO monitoring project.

### INTERN RESPONSIBILITIES:

Interns work at the migratory owl banding station in southwestern North Dakota alongside professional seasonal technicians and permanent BCR staff to conduct a wide range of research activities related to the capture, measurement and banding of small raptors. Applicants must be able to walk moderate distances carrying field equipment, and be able to work long nights in cold conditions. Applicants must also be comfortable interacting with public visitors of all ages. To become adept at owl banding, the Intern is expected to participate the entire month.

### SKILLS INTERNS WILL GAIN:

Interns will gain hands on training and experience in a range of avian research methods including: use of mist-nets, safe extraction and handling of small raptors, and ageing, sexing, banding, and measuring owls. Interns will also learn to carefully follow scientific protocols, and to accurately record and enter data.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Recent graduate or pursuing a B.S. degree in biology, ecology, wildlife management or related field
- Demonstrated interest in wildlife, conservation, and the outdoors
- Strong work ethic and enthusiasm while in the field
- Ability to share living quarters with others
- Valid driver's license with proof of auto insurance
- Internship contingent on passing a background and driving record check

**TO APPLY:**

send letter of interest, current resume, and names, phone numbers, and email addresses of two references familiar with you to: Nancy Drilling, [nancy.drilling@birdconservancy.org](mailto:nancy.drilling@birdconservancy.org). Applications due **August 27, 2018**.