

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Title:	Mexican Spotted Owl Crew Leader 1
FLSA Status:	Full Time Employee Salaried
Reports to:	Wendy Lanier
Direct Reports:	Field Technicians
Location:	New Mexico and Arizona
Salary:	\$1,200/2 weeks
Duration:	Late March to mid-July
Benefits:	none
Start Date	Late March

About the Organization:

Bird Conservancy of the Rockies 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

Job Duties and Responsibilities:

OVERVIEW

The Bird Conservancy of the Rockies is seeking to hire two Crew Leader 1s for a Mexican Spotted Owl monitoring project across Arizona and New Mexico. Each Crew Leader 1 will oversee the scheduling and logistics of three to five technicians, interface with Forest Service biologists, and maintain thorough communication with the project manager. One Crew Leader 1 will manage a crew working on occupancy surveys in Arizona or New Mexico. The other Crew Leader 1 will manage a crew conducting intensive Spotted Owl monitoring on the Carson National Forest. In addition, each Crew Leader 1 will conduct nighttime surveys for Mexican Spotted Owls in National Forests. Applicants for both stations should be comfortable working at night in steep terrain, both on- and off-trail, with potentially dangerous wildlife (black bears, mountain lions, rattlesnakes). The fieldwork is very strenuous with long hikes and requires a lot of camping with some backpacking. Applicants should be prepared for the physical demands of conducting off-trail fieldwork in mountainous terrain. The season begins in late March and continues until mid-July. Work schedule will be 10 days on, 4 days off.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Ability to hike up to 12 miles a day while carrying up to 40 lbs
- Attention to detail and ability to collect quality data
- Professional communication for interacting with Forest Service biologists and updating project leader
- Ability to travel and work with a partner for 10 day periods
- Exceptional organization
- Ability to manage field logistics and crew schedules while balancing multiple objectives
- Enthusiasm for spending 3.5 months in beautiful forests and canyons

REQUIRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- Bachelor's degree in biology, ecology, environmental science, or a related field
- Prior leadership experience
- Driver's license and 4WD experience
- Backcountry experience (including backpacking, off-trail navigation, basic survival skills, and grit)
- Previous experience conducting reproductive surveys with Spotted Owls (for the Carson National Forest Crew Leader 1 position)

To Apply:

To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and three references IN ONE DOCUMENT (.pdf or .doc) to wendy.lanier@birdconservancy.org. Name your application file accordingly: *Lastname_MS02019_leader1*. If you would be willing to be considered for a technician position, please state so in the cover letter. Application review will begin in January 7th and continue until the positions are filled.