

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Title:	Mexican Spotted Owl Field Intern
FLSA Status:	Volunteer
Reports to:	Crew Leader
Direct Reports:	none
Location:	New Mexico and Arizona
Salary:	\$500/month living stipend
Duration:	Minimum of one month from early April until mid-July
Benefits:	none

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 applicants for an internship program with our Mexican Spotted Owl occupancy monitoring project. The internship is ideal for individuals who have a strong passion for wildlife biology but are looking to gain field experience. Interns will work alongside experienced field biologists to conduct nighttime surveys for Mexican Spotted Owls in National Forests across Arizona and New Mexico. Interns will have the opportunity to gain experience conducting surveys, hone field skills (e.g. backcountry camping, navigation, driving 4WD vehicles, etc.), and learn about owl ecology, study design, and occupancy monitoring. Applicants 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. Our field season runs from April to mid-July and internships can occur at any point during our regular season with a minimum of a one-month commitment.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Ability to hike up to 12 miles a day while carrying up to 40 lbs
- Comfort in backcountry settings
- Attention to detail and ability to collect quality data
- Good communication
- Ability to travel and work with a partner for 10 day periods
- Completion or progress towards a Bachelor's degree in biology, ecology, environmental science, or a related field
- Driver's license

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_MSO2019_intern*. Application review will begin in January 7th and continue until the positions are filled.