

**JOB POSTING**



**Title:** Avian Ecologist  
**FLSA Status:** Part-time / Non-Exempt / Hourly  
**Reports to:** Landscape Ecologist  
**Salary:** \$19.50 hourly  
**Benefits:** Not eligible  
**Duration:** 2 years, with possibility of extension pending fund availability  
**Start date:** January 2020

**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](http://www.birdconservancy.org)

**Project overview**

Grassland songbird populations, including migratory species breeding in the mixed-grass prairies of the northern Great Plains, are among the most rapidly declining guilds in North America. Little is known about their stopover behavior, habitat use, and timing during migration, however recent advances in automated radio telemetry create the potential to track grassland bird movement across their annual cycle. This project seeks to initiate an automated telemetry network in the Great Plains and Chihuahuan Desert (GPCD, spanning Canada, the US, and Mexico) to inform conservation of these species across their full annual cycle.

**Job duties and responsibilities**

The part-time avian ecologist will help lead logistics and implementation of our GPCD Motus network across Canada and the US. The part-time avian ecologist will also work with Bird Conservancy staff to implement an extension of this network into Mexico. The incumbent will be part of the Full Annual Cycle team within the Science Team at Bird Conservancy of the Rockies and be responsible for 1) leading all technical/equipment start-up logistics for the GPCD Motus network, 2) communicating with partners (jointly with Bird Conservancy staff), 3) independently leading training workshops for Motus station construction, use, and maintenance for partners in Canada and the US, and 4) other tasks as needed. The Avian Ecologist will be based in Fort Collins, CO and travel to sites in Canada, the US, and Mexico (pending funding).

**Desired qualifications**

The applicant should have a MS (or equivalent related experience) in ecology or a related field, have significant previous experience building, maintaining, and using automated radio telemetry technology, and have significant previous experience independently organizing and implementing training workshops for Motus station development in the western US. Experience radio-tagging small passerines is preferred. Preference will be given to applicants that have demonstrated experience with GPCD partner interactions and organization.

**How to Apply**

Please submit a cover letter and resume in one pdf document via email to [maureen.correll@birdconservancy.org](mailto:maureen.correll@birdconservancy.org) by December 13, 2019. Please include "Part-time Avian Ecologist position" in the subject line. All applications received by this date will receive full consideration.

**NOTE: This job description is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties, responsibilities, or qualifications associated with the job. The employee will be required to follow any other instructions and to perform any other duties requested by their supervisor. Nothing in this job description shall create or is intended to create, or shall be construed to constitute a contract of employment, express or implied. Employees are held accountable for all duties of this job.**