



## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

### Seasonal Beach-Nesting Bird Monitor

Location: Martha's Vineyard, MA

Time Period: May 18<sup>th</sup> –Aug 18<sup>th</sup>

Hours – Seasonal, full-time including weekends, holidays, and irregular hours

Application deadline: 3/2/2020

**Position Description:** BiodiversityWorks seeks an assistant for our beach-nesting bird program. Responsibilities include: (1) locating, monitoring, and protecting nesting pairs of piping plovers, least terns, American oystercatchers, and black skimmers at ~18 sites, (2) collecting detailed biological data on all nesting pairs, (3) conducting predator management at some sites (4) public outreach and engagement, (6) communicating and coordinating daily with the shorebird coordinator via cell phone and in person, (7) communicating with private landowners and maintaining excellent relationships, (8) working with volunteers and interns (9) recording all monitoring data in field notebooks and electronic databases, (10) creating GIS/Google Earth maps from GPS data, (11) assisting with compilation of data for state census forms and summary reports, (12) participating in weekly meetings and naturalist training program, (13) creating a poster project and participating in our annual fundraising event.

#### Requirements:

- A strong interest in birds, conservation, and management.
- Must be at least 18 years of age and working towards or possess a degree in wildlife biology, biology, environmental studies, or related field.
- Must possess a valid driver's license, good driving record, and a reliable vehicle.
- Must be able to walk at least 1 mile in the sand while carrying up to 25 pounds and engage in strenuous outdoor work in summer weather – sometimes amidst biting insects (ticks, mosquitoes, flies).
- Must be able to work independently and communicate regularly via text message and email on smart phone.
- Good communication, computer, and organizational skills.
- Should work well independently or as part of a team.
- Must be willing to engage in humane box trapping or other capture methods for lethal control of a limited number of skunks and crows at nesting beaches.

#### Desired Qualifications:

- At least one field season experience working with plovers, terns or oystercatchers.
- Familiarity with Martha's Vineyard.
- Proficiency in using spreadsheets, Google docs, GIS or Google maps.

**Compensation:** \$12-\$13.50/hour, plus ½ housing costs, cell phone stipend (\$25/mo) and mileage reimbursement. Housing is a shared room at The Nature Conservancy Hoft Farm Field Station, ½ = \$225/month

**To Apply:** Please email a cover letter (that includes your career goals and dates available), resume, and list of three references to: Liz Olson at: [lizb@biodiversityworksmv.org](mailto:lizb@biodiversityworksmv.org). All applications must be received by midnight on 3/2/20. Applicants will be selected for interviews by 3/13/2020.

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