



BiodiversityWorks

wildlife research, monitoring & mentoring

Community Science & Yard Biodiversity Technician (Temporary)

Location: Martha's Vineyard, MA

Time Period: (late April- late October)

Hours –40 hrs/week. Work days include weekends, holidays, and irregular hours. Application deadline: 3/17/2024

Position Description: BiodiversityWorks seeks an early career conservation professional to assist our staff with community science (Martha's Vineyard Atlas of Life) and a yard biodiversity program (Natural Neighbors), with an emphasis on public engagement and participation. Strong candidates will be organized, self-sufficient, and comfortable working with the public.

Responsibilities include:

- promoting community science and natural history study, with an emphasis on iNaturalist as a tool
- engaging the public at Bioblitz and moth night events to collect and share observations
- training and engaging participants in a pollinator patch monitoring project
- assisting with yard site visits and reports to landowners with recommendations to promote biodiversity
- installing and monitoring nest boxes, and training landowners to monitor/maintain their nest boxes
- organize and lead invasive plant brigade (IPB) volunteers at work events
- coordinate disposal of IPB plant debris with local BioChar program
- assist with spring & fall native plant plug sales
- maintaining volunteer and wildlife monitoring data in Excel
- creating GIS/Google Earth maps from GPS/Survey 123 data
- creating social media, posters, and other outreach materials about our programs/events
- maintaining communication with supervisors
- assisting with data compilation and summary reports
- other duties as required.

Qualifications:

- At least 21 years of age with a degree in wildlife biology, conservation, or a relevant field.
- Possess a valid driver's license, good driving record, and a reliable vehicle.
- Able to move over uneven terrain up to 1 mile while carrying up to 25 pounds, and engage in strenuous outdoor work in summer weather – sometimes amidst biting insects (ticks, mosquitoes, flies). This includes using loppers, shovels, weed wrenches, post-pounder, etc.
- Current iNaturalist user with a smartphone strongly preferred.
- Demonstrated skill with public outreach and engagement
- Demonstrated skill organizing events or volunteers
- Able to work independently and communicate regularly via text message and email
- Commitment to a positive, team-oriented, and inclusive work environment

Desirable Skills:

- Familiarity with the island of Martha's Vineyard and the flora and fauna of the Cape and Islands.
- Experience with community science or citizen science projects as a participant or coordinator
- Experience managing introduced plants via mechanical methods

Compensation: Pay dependent on experience (\$19 – \$22/hour), cell phone stipend (\$25/mo) and mileage reimbursement at 0.60/mile driven. Housing is a shared room at the Hoft Farm Field Station @\$400/month.

To Apply:

Please email a cover letter with your career goals and dates available, resume, and contact information for 3 work references in one pdf document to: Matt Pelikan mpelikan@biodiversityworksmv.org and Rich Couse rcouse@biodiversityworksmv.org. Applications must be received by midnight on 3/17/24.

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