

Klamath Bird Observatory



Advancing bird and habitat conservation through science, education, and partnerships

BIRD MONITORING STUDENT VOLUNTEER INTERNSHIPS

Stipend: \$750/month
Duration: April 13-August 1 2015
Project Location: Weaverville, CA
Number of positions: 5

The Klamath Bird Observatory (www.klamathbird.org) is seeking five (5) student volunteer interns to participate in the bird monitoring component of a large restoration project on the Trinity River in northern California (April 13 – August 1). This is a fantastic opportunity to gain exposure to an array of ornithological field methods while working on a high profile restoration project in a beautiful part of the world.

EXPECTATIONS: Primary duties are nest searching/monitoring, spot map surveys, and vegetation surveys. Additional duties include: completing paperwork, entering data, maintaining equipment and housing, participating in riverine float surveys, and other tasks as required. Field training in protocol methodology, bird ID, and orienteering with compass and GPS will be provided early in the field season.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants should demonstrate a strong interest in birds, natural history, and field biology, and should be prepared to work long days in the field in hot and inclement weather, follow prescribed protocols, be meticulous in collecting and recording data, be in good physical condition, work well both independently and closely with others, possess good communication skills, and have a valid Driver's License. Applicants must be willing to work in areas rife with poison oak, Himalayan blackberry, and biting insects, with the potential to encounter rattlesnakes, black bears, and cougars. It is essential that the applicant be comfortable and capable of working independently both at remote sites and in developed areas where interaction with the public is likely. Preference will be given to those with previous experience in ornithological field methods, and orienteering.

COMPENSATION: A monthly stipend of \$750 and field housing in the Weaverville area will be provided. Binoculars will be available if needed. We will provide field vehicles, but some personal vehicle use may occasionally be required. If so, you will be reimbursed for per-mile transportation costs.

APPLICATION: Send cover letter (including dates of availability and whether you have a personal vehicle), résumé, and contact information for three references, preferably by email, to Ellie Armstrong (eea@klamathbird.org; phone 541-201-0866 ext 5). Snail mail applications are also accepted: Klamath Bird Observatory, PO Box 758, Ashland, OR 97520. Applicants will be accepted until February 15th.