

Klamath Bird Observatory



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Point Count Technician Announcement

Description

The Klamath Bird Observatory (www.KlamathBird.org) is seeking seasonal field technicians from May 1st through July 15th, to complete point count surveys throughout the diverse and beautiful region of southern Oregon and northern California. Technicians will work for multiple projects consisting of monitoring effects of oak and stream restoration and long-term monitoring in both private and public lands. Surveyors will work in the Redwoods National Park, Lava Beds National Monument, Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, eastern Oregon sagebrush habitat, and more. Applicants should be able to identify a large variety of Western birds as they may be working in a range of habitats including oak woodlands, riparian areas, coniferous forests, montane meadows, and shrub-steppe.

Primary responsibilities will include conducting point count surveys and vegetation sampling along off-road transects following standard protocols, and associated data entry. Other tasks may be assigned if time permits. Field training on protocol methodology and distance estimation will be provided at the onset of the season. Camping independently, often at undeveloped or dispersed sites, will be required for most work. A field vehicle may be provided, but some crew members may need to have the flexibility to drive their personal vehicle for work if necessary. If technicians are required to drive their personal vehicle, mileage reimbursement will be provided.

Qualifications

Applicants should have at least one full season of point count field experience, have a full range of hearing, be in excellent physical condition, and be comfortable working and camping independently. Required qualifications include ability to identify western birds by sight and sound, estimate distance to individual birds, hike in steep and rugged off-trail conditions, follow standardized protocols, collect and record meticulous data, communicate effectively, work independently in the forest, work in inclement weather conditions, and tolerate working in areas containing poison oak. Surveyors must possess good map reading, GPS, and orienteering skills and be eager to work long days in the field. Applicants must have a valid driver's license, clean driving record, and insurance. Technicians must be willing and able to adhere to strict health and safety guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic throughout the duration of hire.



Salary

\$3000/month, plus reimbursement for mileage if required to drive a personal vehicle.

To Apply

Send cover letter (including dates of availability and vehicle type), resume, and contact information for three references in a single PDF document to Stephanie Loredo (sal@klamathbird.org).

Hiring will be ongoing until all positions have been filled. Offers are contingent on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent health and safety mandates throughout the field season.