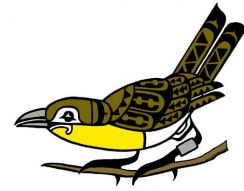


Klamath Bird Observatory



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

NEST-SEARCHING INTERN (1) – SW OREGON

Stipend: \$1000/mo.

Duration: ~April 24 – June 30 or July 28, 2023 (exact dates TBD)

Primary Location: 40 min. east of Ashland, OR

Klamath Bird Observatory (www.klamathbird.org) is seeking to fill a Volunteer Intern position in our Oregon Vesper Sparrow demography research program. We are contributing to a range-wide study to understand causes of decline in this imperiled subspecies. Primary duties will include nest-searching and color-band resighting in meadows of the western Cascades, with a possible extension until July 28 to complete vegetation surveys and data entry based out of our office in Ashland, Oregon.

EXPECTATIONS: The Intern will work with the other crew member(s) to conduct nest-searching and monitoring, color band resighting, vegetation surveys, and data entry. Previous experience in field research and ability to see full range of colors are required. Training in specific field protocols will be provided. Ability to use your own vehicle (typically on paved or improved dirt roads; 4WD is not necessary) and willingness to camp for the duration of the field season are required. We can provide suggestions for free rustic camping options near field sites.

QUALIFICATIONS: Previous field research experience and an interest in birds are required. Applicants should be prepared to start at dawn, work long days in the field in all weather, carefully follow protocols and meticulously record data, be in good physical condition, and possess good communication skills. Applicants must enjoy the outdoors, and be willing to work in areas with biting insects and the potential to encounter rattlesnakes, black bears, and cougars. It is essential that applicants be comfortable with camping and working independently in the field (but near rural highways, and within a 40-min. drive of town).

COMPENSATION: The Intern will receive a stipend of \$1000/mo., and should expect to work about 8 hours/day, 40 hours/week. Transportation to Ashland, OR, and personal field gear (e.g. camping gear, rain gear, hiking boots) are the responsibility of the applicant. Applicants must have a car, valid driver's license, current insurance, and be able to provide their driving record if needed. Use of a personal vehicle for work purposes will be required, and the Intern will be reimbursed for mileage at \$0.655/mile.

TO APPLY: Send cover letter including your dates of availability and vehicle type, résumé, and contact info for 3 references by email to Dr. Sarah Rockwell (smr@klamathbird.org). We will review applications on a rolling basis, starting immediately and continuing until the position is filled. Interns must be willing and able to adhere to health and safety guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic throughout the duration of hire. Effective June 21, 2021, and until further notice, KBO will require that all Employees and Volunteer Interns be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, and be able to provide proof of vaccination status.