

# Klamath Bird Observatory



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

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## Klamath Bird Observatory Internship Announcement

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Internship Title: Bird Banding Intern

Compensation: Stipend of \$1000/month and accommodation

Duration: May 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 to October 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

Project Location: Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion of southern Oregon

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Klamath Bird Observatory is seeking highly motivated individuals to participate in our long-term landbird monitoring program. This position requires independent drive and patience for the travails of fieldwork but also affords an amazing opportunity to build practical experience in field biology and master a variety of bird monitoring and research skills in a beautiful part of the country.

Our bander training program blends an intensive field internship with coursework designed in accordance with North American Banding Council (NABC) standards to prepare participants for successful careers as field ornithologists. Training and duties will include mist netting and banding of passerines and near passerines; bird surveying; data quality assurance, entry, and management; and participation in public outreach and education. Non-field duties include study and discussion of banding curriculum, equipment maintenance, field station upkeep, and data entry. Accommodation is provided in shared rooms in a rustic cabin on the Upper Klamath Lake which has potable running water, a full kitchen, internet access, a wood stove, electric space heaters, and an external bath house. Hiking and birding opportunities abound nearby with access to bikes and kayaks. Weekly visits to remote sites will require multi-night camping trips and brief strenuous hiking carrying heavy banding equipment.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Successful candidates will demonstrate a strong interest in birds and field biology, possess a positive attitude during long days and occasionally adverse conditions (heat, cold, mosquitoes, smoke), work cooperatively and constructively toward project objectives, give priority to safety considerations, make common sense decisions about wildlife (bears, cougars, snakes), and be able to work and live harmoniously in close company with coworkers. To preserve the quality and consistency of our long-term dataset, interns must also be able to precisely follow protocols and take meticulous care in collecting and recording data. Excellent communication skills are critical. Interns are required to possess a valid Driver's License and clean driving record to use provided field vehicles for project-related travel. Preferred qualifications include outdoor skills, bird identification skills, bird handling and banding experience. This position requires early mornings (pre-dawn), weekends, and the ability to follow a work schedule that is dependent on the changing weather and unpredictable field conditions.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Ongoing until the position has been filled.

**TO APPLY:** Send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references in a single PDF document to the Science Director Ryan Terrill ([rst@klamathbird.org](mailto:rst@klamathbird.org)).

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