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## **Internship Position – Conservation Support**

BirdWatch Ireland carries out a range of research, policy and advocacy work focussed on birds, their habitats and wider biodiversity.

BirdWatch Ireland is responsible for undertaking a number of research and monitoring projects at national and regional scales. We are seeking a suitably qualified person to join our Conservation Team as an Intern to provide support to the team for a six month period.

The post is an intern position; no salary is available. The position will operate on a part time basis (3-4 days per week, subject to negotiation) and flexible arrangements can be considered. This post will be based at the BirdWatch Ireland Headquarters in Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow.

The successful applicant would stand to gain experience on a broad range of conservation projects, especially fieldwork associated in monitoring projects and bird data management using Excel, Access and GIS.

## **Person Specification**

BirdWatch Ireland seeks a suitably qualified person who is highly motivated and has a range of skills and attributes to bring to BirdWatch Ireland's Conservation Team.

**Qualifications:** the successful candidate will have at least a primary degree or equivalent in environmental or natural sciences and will ideally have some relevant voluntary, work placement or work experience.

**Knowledge and experience required:** applicants should be familiar with Ireland's biodiversity. They should be computer proficient and be familiar with Microsoft Office. Previous experience using GIS software, and prior field experience, with skills in bird surveys and handling of birds will be an advantage.

**Communication skills:** applicants should have good communications skills as well as the ability to analyse and synthesise information and draw on the expertise of others including volunteers, and BirdWatch Ireland members, as well as staff within BirdWatch Ireland. The ability to work effectively as part of a busy team is a key requirement.

## Remuneration

This is an intern post; no salary is available. Some contribution to travel costs may be available. Any costs incurred as part of the post requirements will be covered.

## How to apply

Please complete the application form available on the BirdWatch Ireland website ([www.birdwatchireland.ie](http://www.birdwatchireland.ie)). **Please do not send CVs.**

Application forms should be sent to [mkavanagh@birdwatchireland.ie](mailto:mkavanagh@birdwatchireland.ie) (please put "Conservation Support Intern 2017" in the subject box) or by post to BirdWatch Ireland, Unit 20 Block D, Bullford Business Campus, Kilcoole, Co Wicklow.

**Closing date for applications: 5pm, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017. It is anticipated that interviews will be held during the week of 8<sup>th</sup> May.**

Any further queries regarding this post should be directed to Olivia Crowe ([ocrowe@birdwatchireland.ie](mailto:ocrowe@birdwatchireland.ie)).