



Coordinator of Volunteers for *Seabirds Count* Survey

Background

BirdWatch Ireland is seeking to recruit a Seabird Coordinator for 3.5 months' full time work from mid-March through to June 2018, to mobilise our volunteer network to collect breeding seabird data for the Seabirds Count Survey. This is the fourth national census of seabirds in Britain and Ireland, running from 2015-2019 and coordinated by the Seabird Monitoring Programme, of which BirdWatch Ireland is a partner. The data will also contribute to the NPWS Article 12 report on the status of seabirds in Ireland.

BirdWatch Ireland plans to mobilise its volunteer network to collect additional data, over and above that which will be collected by NPWS through its own staff and on the basis of professional tenders. This includes additional information on e.g. Black Guillemot and gaps in coverage of cliff-nesting colonies and key species such as European Storm-petrel.

Main duties:-

- Publicise the survey through a range of channels to include: BirdWatch Ireland social media platforms, Wings magazine, eWings email newsletter, branch events, local and national radio and other websites and media as appropriate.
- Recruit and coordinate a network of survey volunteers across Ireland.
- Carry out training workshops and provide methodologies as set out in the Seabird Monitoring Handbook (and updated by SMP), to ensure all volunteers are following the standard prescribed methodologies.
- Work with NPWS GIS and Birds Units and their professional contractors to identify gaps in coverage and match these to volunteers.
- Provide volunteers with all necessary information and support, including maps, field count forms, Excel spreadsheets.
- Provide volunteers with Health & Safety information and risk assessments.

-Collate and validate data from volunteers with the assistance of NPWS-appointed staff, who will be collating data being collected through professional contracts/rangers.

The following skills and attributes are required:-

Essential

- A degree in a biological/environmental subject, or equivalent experience
- Experience of breeding seabird surveys following standard methodology - excellent knowledge of Ireland's Seabirds
- Data analysis and report writing
- Proficiency in GIS
- Proven aptitude to manage, coordinate and work with volunteers

Other

- Ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences; media experience an advantage
- Ability to work co-operatively as part of a team and to prioritise and manage own workload
- Ability to use own initiative to solve problems and to work under pressure

Salary scale

This is a fixed-term contract with a salary of €20,000 pa. The suitable applicant will be required to provide an average of 35 hours work per week. Leave entitlement is 20 days per annum pro rata plus statutory holidays.

A completed application form should be forwarded to Michelle Kavanagh, BirdWatch Ireland, Unit 20 Block D, Bullford Business Campus, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow, A63 RW83. Applications may also be sent via email to

mkavanagh@birdwatchireland.ie indicating the job title in the subject line.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 17:00 hours on Wednesday 14th March 2018. It is anticipated that interviews will be held the following week, with a start date in mid- or late March if possible.

We expect you to carry out your job responsibilities in an environmentally aware manner, ensuring as little damage to the environment as possible. Our aim is to ensure all resources are utilised effectively and efficiently.