



BirdWatch Ireland Seasonal Posts

BirdWatch Ireland may be in a position to recruit for various seasonal posts for the 2017 season (all subject to successful tender bids and/ or confirmation of funding). The roles will involve carrying out agreed programmes of habitat management, research work or species recovery work, alone or as part of a small team. Most posts are available between April and September, and require previous survey or field research experience and excellent bird identification skills. The posts include:

- Tern Warden (4-5 posts, April to September): To protect, monitor and study breeding terns. Applicants must be prepared to work in a remote location and in a small team. Suitable applicants will have:
 - A degree in biology or related discipline or previous proven experience working on conservation projects.
 - Good communication skills
 - Ability to compile data, analyse results and write reports.
 - Previous experience working on tern colonies and bird handling skills are desirable.
- Little Tern Protection Schemes - Conservation Gamekeepers/Night Wardens (April – July)
 - Ability to erect and maintain electric fencing,
 - Able to work safely at night and in a close-knit team
 - Firearm licences for both rifle and shotgun and competency in their use
 - Familiarity with crow traps and mink traps
 - Good knowledge of other bird-scaring techniques
 - Awareness of ecology and conservation issues surrounding ground-nesting birds (Little Terns, Lapwing, Ringed Plover)
- Corncrake and Breeding Wader Fieldworker positions, including full time Corncrake fieldworkers (April to September), 1 senior breeding wader fieldworker (6 months, March to August) and one fieldworker (4 months, April to July) to survey machair and coastal wader populations in Donegal and Sligo, and 1 Fieldworker to survey Curlew populations on the Shannon Callows. Suitable applicants will:
 - Have a degree in biology or related discipline or previous proven experience working on conservation projects.
 - Experience in surveys for breeding birds, preferably of farmland. Corncrake Fieldworkers must be prepared to undertake night working.
 - Able to compile data, analyse results and write reports. Experience of GIS desirable, and essential for some of the posts.
 - Able to communicate effectively with a wide variety of people, particularly farmers and landowners.
 - Willingness to be flexible in their availability to work, dependant on weather conditions.
 - Have a full drivers licence.

- Be physically fit, strong organisational skills and initiative and able to prioritise tasks
- East Coast Nature Reserve Warden (1 post, part-time, April to October): To assist in the running of our East Coast Nature Reserve through delivering on a habitat management programme and the provision of public access and interpretation thereby enhancing the ecological value of the habitats and raising public awareness of the conservation and recreation value of the site. The suitable applicant will:
 - Experience of reserve based work, preferably with public access and grazing livestock.
 - Experience of construction e.g. fencing, an advantage.
 - Efficient and competent in the use of equipment; chainsaw, brushcutters and tractor driving
 - Willingness to carry out manual work and reserve maintenance tasks
 - Able to communicate effectively with a wide variety of people
 - Ability to lead and co-ordinate volunteers and ability to work as a member of a team
 - Willingness to be flexible in their availability to work, dependant on weather conditions, an advantage
 - Full clean drivers licence an advantage
 - Physically fit, strong organisational skills and initiative, with the ability to prioritise tasks

The salary for these posts is circa €20,800 pro rata, and may be higher for senior fieldwork positions.

How to apply:

For complete details of this post please download and complete BirdWatch Ireland application form. Note that other opportunities may also arise throughout the year, so please indicate other areas of expertise, especially other field skills, when completing your application form. Closing date for applications: Midday, Monday 30th January 2017. When submitting applications by email, please indicate your position(s) of interest in the subject heading. Please contact Michelle Kavanagh (mkavanagh@birdwatchireland.ie) with any queries.