



BirdWatch Ireland Seasonal Posts 2021

BirdWatch Ireland may be in a position to recruit for various seasonal posts for the 2021 breeding season (all subject to successful tender bids and/or confirmation of funding). The roles will involve carrying out agreed programmes of bird surveys, habitat management, research work and/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 are outlined below.

Swift Fieldworker (2 posts, May – August): To survey Swifts and work with community groups to establish local Swift conservation projects. Based in Kilkenny & Waterford)

Suitable applicants will have:

- A degree in biology or related discipline or previous proven experience working on conservation projects.
 - Previous experience of bird survey work.
 - Ability to compile data, analyse results and write reports. GIS experience is desirable.
 - Have a full driver's license.
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Swift Conservation Project Assistant (1 post, part-time March – June): To support respective local authorities and communities realise the recommendations of the 2020 Clare, South Dublin County, Leitrim and Roscommon Swift Surveys. Work with community groups to establish local Swift conservation projects. Various locations/online/remote working.

Suitable applicants will have:

- A degree in biology or related discipline or previous proven experience working on conservation projects.
 - Excellent communication skills and be able to communicate effectively with a wide variety of people, from local authority staff, local residents and school children.
 - Experience delivering PowerPoint presentations and hosting online meetings/webinars.
 - Experience in conducting social media campaigns.
 - Have a full driver's license.
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Raptor Research Assistant (2 posts, March – August): Opportunity to assist with the research and monitoring of raptors to assess and understand specific threats to birds of prey and assist with specific conservation actions. Duties will include assisting with the planning and undertaking surveys and monitoring of raptors and with reporting to meet specific conservation objectives. The main areas of focus will be the midlands and mid-west.

Suitable applicants will have:

- A degree in biology or related discipline or previous proven experience working on conservation projects.
 - Excellent bird identification skills and experience of bird survey and monitoring work, particularly in upland areas.
 - Knowledge of raptor ecology and conservation issues.
 - Previous experience of surveying for raptors, nest finding and monitoring breeding attempts is desirable.
 - Excellent communication skills, ability to communicate with project partners, stakeholders, and disseminate project findings.
 - Ability to promote the project and findings and raise awareness of key conservation issues via social media campaign is desirable.
 - Ability to collate, manage and analyse data and prepare reports/publications.
 - GIS and mapping experience is desirable.
 - A full driver's license and be physically fit.
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Birds Connect Project Officer (1 post, part-time March – November): Connecting birds and people to enhance the protecting birds and biodiversity through the power of citizen science, outreach and training. Primarily working from home.

Suitable applicants will have:

- Excellent communication skills and be able to communicate effectively with a wide variety of audiences, particularly project partners, community groups and stakeholders.
 - Experience delivering PowerPoint presentations and hosting online meetings/webinars.
 - A sound knowledge of Irish birds and biodiversity is important.
 - Experience in using social media, writing for websites/blogs and producing publicity materials such as posters, leaflets, newsletters.
 - Experience of compiling information and writing reports.
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Tern Wardens (4-5 posts, May – August): To protect, monitor and study breeding terns. Applicants must be prepared to work in a remote location and in a small team.

Locations:

- Rockabill Island (Co. Dublin)
- Kilcoole (Little Tern) colony (Co. Wicklow)

Suitable applicants will have:

-A degree in biology or related discipline or previous proven experience working on conservation projects.

-Good communication skills.

-The ability to compile data, analyse results and write reports.

-Previous experience working on tern (or seabird) colonies and bird handling skills are desirable.

Tern project Conservation Gamekeepers/Night Wardens (2 posts) (late April – July): Little Tern Protection Scheme at Kilcoole.

Suitable applicants will have:

-The ability to erect and maintain electric fencing, tractor/4WD driving.

-The ability 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).

Senior Breeding Wader Fieldworker for the Cooperating Across Borders for Biodiversity (CABB) Project (1 post, February – December)

To survey machair and coastal wader populations in Donegal and Sligo, collate and analyse breeding wader data collected over the last five years, write a comprehensive final report and prepare a GIS database.

Suitable applicants will:

-have a Masters degree in biology or related discipline or equivalent proven experience of scientific report writing and analysis of population data.

- have excellent bird identification skills and experience of breeding wader survey and monitoring work.
- have knowledge of breeding wader ecology and conservation issues.
- be able to compile data, analyze results and write a comprehensive scientific report.
- be able to compile a GIS database of survey data.
- be able to communicate effectively with a wide variety of people, particularly farmers and landowners.
- be willing to be flexible in their availability to work.
- have a full drivers licence.



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Curlew EIP Conservation Gamekeeper South Leitrim Bogs area: NB: CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POST IS 19th FEB 2021. The salary for this post is €35,000 per annum pro rata.

- Protection of breeding Curlew in the South Leitrim target area where Curlew are known to nest.
- Data recording of all activity in standardized spreadsheets.
- Baseline monitoring of predator abundance.
- Trial the use of temporary electric fences at nest sites.
- The ability to work safely at night and in a close-knit team.
- Firearm licenses for both rifle and shotgun and competency in their use.
- Familiarity with crow traps and mink traps.
- Assist in the implementation and delivery of Curlew EIP agri-environmental schemes and farmer training.
- In conjunction with the Project Ecologist, record observations of Curlew populations and productivity.
- Build positive relationships with local communities and stakeholders.
- Assist in the implementation of programmes of outreach to the local community: Local Action Group and participate in project meetings.
- Own transport.

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The salary for these paid posts is circa €22,300-25,600 per annum pro rata; it may be higher for senior fieldwork positions and project officer positions.

How to apply:

Please download and complete a BirdWatch Ireland application form [here](#) (DOC: 54KB)

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 on Friday 26th February 2021. Applications can be emailed to recruitment@birdwatchireland.ie or posted to BirdWatch Ireland, Unit 20, Block D, Bullford Business Campus, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow, A63 RW83.

When submitting applications by email, you must include your name and position(s) applied for in both the subject line and the name of the file attachment. Interviews will generally be held during the two to three-week period after the closing date, or as advised, if you have been selected for interview. Please contact recruitment@birdwatchireland.ie with any queries.