



BirdWatch Ireland Seasonal Posts 2022

BirdWatch Ireland may be in a position to recruit for various seasonal posts for the 2022 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 (Limerick & second location not yet confirmed).

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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Tern Wardens (6-8 posts, March to August): To protect, monitor and study breeding terns. Applicants must be prepared to work in a remote location and in a small team.

Potential locations:

- Rockabill (Co. Dublin)
- Kilcoole (Little Tern) colony (Co. Wicklow)
- Lady's Island Lake (Co. Wexford)
- Dalkey Island (Co. Dublin, part time: includes public engagement events)

Suitable applicants will have:

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

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

-Previous experience working on tern (or seabird) colonies and bird handling skills are desirable.-
Candidates will need to agree to sign up as trainee bird ringers (BTO licence), if they do not already have one.

Senior Warden, 1 post, 7 months Mar-Sept

Suitable applicants will have:

- Experience of Project Management of seabird projects.
 - Data analysis and report writing experience
 - Knowledge and experience of GIS
 - Qualified bird ringer
 - Experience of powerboat handling (willing to undertake course if necessary).
 - Experience of undertaking predator control for rats and other mammalian predators and working with electric fences.
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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 and competence in tractor driving with trailer.
 - 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 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).
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Breeding Wader Fieldworker, Co Donegal. Part time (approx. 2 days/wk)

To survey breeding wader populations (mainly Snipe) in Donegal and prepare a report of findings.

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 of carrying out surveys for breeding waders.

The salary for fieldworker posts is circa €22,300-25,600 per annum pro rata and higher for senior positions.

How to apply:

Please download and complete a BirdWatch Ireland application form here (DOC: 114KB). Job descriptions can be downloaded here.

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:

Lady's Island Lake tern positions: noon on Monday 7th February 2022.

All other posts: noon on Friday 18th Feb 2022.

Applications can be emailed to recruitment@birdwatchireland.ie or posted to BirdWatch Ireland, Unit 20, Block D, Bullford Business Campus, Kilcoole, Co Wicklow.

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.