



CURLEW EIP

JOB DESCRIPTION

Post Title:	Curlew Fieldworker
Employer:	BirdWatch Ireland
Department:	Conservation
Main place of work:	South Lough Corrib (i.e., around Headford/Clonboo)
Immediate Line Manager:	Curlew EIP Project Manager
Duration:	Fulltime from March 2023 – August 2023
Salary:	€25,600 per annum, pro rata

BirdWatch Ireland, on behalf of the Curlew EIP Operational Group (OG), the members of which are BirdWatch Ireland (the Lead Partner), The Irish Natura and Hill Farmers Association (INHFA), The Irish Grey Partridge Conservation Trust (IGPCT) and Teagasc, is seeking to recruit a suitable person for the position of Curlew Fieldworker for South Lough Corrib.

Background

The Irish Breeding Curlew Operational Group were successful applicants for an innovative project to stem the decline of the Curlew in Ireland in 2 specific areas, namely Lough Corrib in County Galway, and the south Leitrim bogs area. The project is funded by the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine's European Innovation Partnership (EIP) fund. For the past four years it has been trialling new and innovative programs to improve breeding outcomes in these areas, including mechanisms for the management of predation risk and improvement in nest outcomes, capital works to improve habitats; and a results based measure for Curlew. Currently in an extension year, the project will be continuing to trial a number of options in 2023.

Description of Role

The Curlew Fieldworker will survey and monitor breeding Curlew populations and monitor nest sites for breeding outcomes. They will assist in the implementation of a satellite tagging project and predator management elements - such as nest fencing and capital works, where relevant. They will liaise with farmers in the project areas and foster good working relationships.

Requirements

Essential

- A degree in a relevant scientific discipline, e.g., ecology, zoology, environmental science or similar.
- Previous experience of carrying out bird surveys.
- Understanding of breeding wader ecology and the factors affecting breeding Curlews in Ireland.
- Ability to compile data, analyse results and write reports. GIS experience is desirable.
- Experience liaising with farmers/landowners.
- A full driving licence and access to own transport.

Desirable

- Experience of carrying out breeding wader surveys.
- Knowledge of Irish farming systems and experience liaising with farmers.

- Familiarity with agricultural and bog habitat types.
- An understanding of agricultural practices and their impacts on breeding waders.
- Experience of writing reports, post degree level, to include data collation and analysis.
- GIS experience.

The successful candidate will be expected to work in close cooperation with the Project Manager and the Curlew Keeper to achieve the overall objectives of the project.

Terms and Conditions

Your normal working hours are 09.00 – 13.00 and 14.00 – 17.00, Monday to Friday. Some flexibility in working outside of these normal working hours will sometimes be required, especially during key periods such as the Curlew breeding season, which may require weekend work or early mornings at some times. Time off may be taken in lieu of extra hours worked. The salary for this position is €25,600 per annum, pro rata. Leave entitlement is 20 days per annum, pro rata, plus statutory holidays.

It is expected that the successful candidate will work from home. They should ideally be based within, or near to, the South Lough Corrib project area. You are required to use your own vehicle and must have appropriate business insurance, however mileage will be claimed through expenses and as set out in BirdWatch Ireland’s Employee Handbook.

Please complete the application form available on the BirdWatch Ireland website (www.birdwatchireland.ie see jobs section).

Application forms should be sent to kfinney@birdwatchireland.ie (please put “Curlew EIP Fieldworker 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 on Wednesday 8th February 2023. It is anticipated that interviews will be held on Monday 20th / Tuesday 21st February in the BirdWatch Ireland offices Banagher, Co Offaly. Final arrangements will be made known to interviewees.

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