



BirdWatch Ireland Seasonal Posts 2023

BirdWatch Ireland may be in a position to recruit for various seasonal posts for the 2023 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 August and require previous survey or field research experience and excellent bird identification skills. The posts are outlined below.

Swift Fieldworker (3 posts, May – August): To survey Swifts and work with community groups to establish local Swift conservation projects. Based in (Midlands (2) & Border County (1)).

Suitable applicants will have:

- A degree in biology or related discipline or previous proven experience working on conservation projects/ecological surveys.
- Previous experience of bird survey work.
- Ability to compile data, analyse results and write reports. GIS experience is desirable.
- Have a full driver's licence.

Tern Wardens (4-5 posts, late April 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)
- 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 sign up as trainee bird ringers (BTO licence), if they do not already have one.

Tern project Conservation Gamekeeper/Night Warden (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 Tern, Lapwing, Ringed Plover).

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: noon on Friday 24th February 2023.

Applications can be emailed to recruitment@birdwatchireland.ie

Or posted to: BirdWatch Ireland (Recruitment), 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.