

Barn Owl Researcher (**2 posts, April – September**, with possibility of extension): To survey, monitor and study breeding Barn Owls and provide assistance with specific areas of research relating to the ecological and conservation requirements of Barn Owls in Ireland and the implementation of conservation measures. This is an exciting opportunity to work as part of a dynamic team focusing on one of our most iconic species, with opportunities to gain experience in a wide range of survey and research methods and with significant potential for development within this post for a suitable candidate.

Locations:

- Munster (Counties Cork and Waterford)
- Leinster (Counties Carlow, Kilkenny and Meath)

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.
- Awareness of ecology and conservation issues surrounding raptors and owls in Ireland is desirable.
- Ability to compile data, analyse results and write reports. GIS experience is desirable.
- Have a full driver's licence.
- Experience of bird ringing, handling, conducting nest visits and related disturbance issues is desirable.
- Ability to and experience of installing and monitoring nest boxes would be desirable but not essential.

• Good communication skills with the ability to represent the project well when liaising with landowners and stakeholders and to disseminate findings appropriately (via social media, website and other outlets).

How to apply:

Please download and complete a BirdWatch Ireland application form here (DOC: 48KB).

Closing date for applications: 17:00 on Monday 20th March 2023.

Applications can be emailed to <u>jlusby@birdwatchireland.ie</u>

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 jlusby@birdwatchireland.ie with any queries.