



Alaska Bird Observatory Banding Intern Position Description

TITLE: Bird banding intern (2 positions)

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The banding interns will assist with avian research projects conducted by the Alaska Bird Observatory (ABO), primarily the operation of the Creamer's Field Migration Station and under the direction of the Migration Program Manager. ABO banding staff will provide the instruction. These positions will be offered from 15 April –7 October, 2008. Start and end dates are somewhat flexible.

STATUS: Non-exempt, seasonal

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES: Duties include operating mist nets, monitoring and removing birds from mist nets, recording data, station maintenance, greeting visitors, organizing net runs, and entering data in a manner that is consistent with ABO procedures. Interns who excel in their work performance and progress in their knowledge of passerines will receive training in banding, and aging and sexing techniques. Research & monitoring (70%); community interaction (10%); data summarization (10%); and station logistics (10%).

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must possess a demonstrated interest in ornithology, strong work ethic, positive attitude, good manual dexterity and excellent eyesight, desire to gain experience in bird identification and banding, above-average physical condition, and excellent interpersonal skills. The applicants must possess a meticulous approach to collecting and recording data, excellent oral and written communication skills, and a U.S. or international driver's license with a good driving record. Applicants must be in excellent physical shape, able to traverse steep terrain and wade through waist-deep water, capable of making common sense decisions concerning wildlife interactions (e.g., moose, bear), have a high tolerance for dense mosquito activity, and be able to work independently and as part of a team. In addition, this position requires many early mornings (banding starts at 530 every day!).

HOURS: Approximately 40 hours /week. Required to work some weekend days.

SALARY & BENEFITS: \$750/monthly taxable stipend. Housing will be provided, as will a \$750 travel reimbursement.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: Mist netting and banding requires good manual dexterity and eyesight and involves long periods of being on your feet with few or no breaks. This job requires walking through water and vegetation, stepping over logs, crossing uneven terrain, reaching, and carrying heavy objects, including a 30+ pound backpack.

TO APPLY: Please submit a resume, cover letter, names and phone numbers of three references, and an ABO application (available online at www.alaskabird.org) to Sue Guers, Alaska Bird Observatory, P.O. Box 80505, Fairbanks, AK 99708, or electronically in Microsoft Word format to: sguers@alaskabird.org by 1 March 2008.