



Alaska Bird Observatory
Alaska Landbird Monitoring Survey (ALMS)
Point Count Field Biologist

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Field Biologist conducts point counts using variable circular plots and distance sampling on public lands in through the state as part of the Alaska Landbird Monitoring Survey. He or she also supervises the survey intern/trainee. The Field Biologist will enter and reduce data. He/she will work under the direction of the Senior Scientist. 1 May – 30 June 2010.

QUALIFICATIONS: Proficiency at identifying interior Alaska birds by sight and sound, and GPS/compass/topographic map navigational skills required. Proficiency at distance sampling and previous experience with point counts and working in remote field locations is required. Bachelor's degree in biology, ecology, or related field preferred. Must be able to follow study protocols, carefully record field data, and enjoy working with others in remote field camps. Valid driver's license and good driving record. Must pass gun safety training and be able to legally carry a firearm.

ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: The Field Biologist must be in superb physical condition. Conducting bird surveys may require up to nine hours/day of strenuous walking through water and muskeg, stepping over logs and streams, crossing uneven terrain, traversing steep hills while bushwhacking through dense stands of alder and spruce, carrying a 30-60 pound backpack, and accessing transects by helicopter or long hikes. Must be able to get up as early as 1 AM up to seven days/week for three weeks in a row. Must be able to tolerate heavy insect activity and all types of weather conditions including extreme temperatures. Study areas may be frequented by grizzly and black bears; therefore the Field Biologist must be capable of understanding the risks associated with this work and have the ability to make common sense decisions concerning wildlife interactions.

SALARY & BENEFITS: \$15-17/hr DOE plus applicable overtime. Lodging: camping, laundry, shower facilities, and bicycle transportation provided while in Fairbanks. Travel Reimbursement: Up to \$ 850.00 round trip with receipt. Transportation to and from the airport provided.

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 Susan Sharbaugh, Alaska Bird Observatory, 418 Wedgewood Dr., Fairbanks, AK 99701, or electronically in Microsoft Word format to: aruggles@alaskabird.org