

Avian Research Volunteers needed for studies of native and introduced forest birds and habitat restoration on Haleakala, Maui, Hawaii. Three volunteer positions are available on three remote field trips taking place this spring. Approximate start and end days are April 22nd until June 7th (there is some flexibility with length of position). This is a field based research opportunity with Maui Forest Bird Recovery Project (MFBRP).

Primary field duties will be assisting with:

- (1) Mist-net set up and take down
- (2) Extraction of passerines from mist-nets,
- (3) Application of color bands to passerines and taking morphological measurements;
- (4) Assistance with outfitting transmitters to birds;
- (5) Assistance with searching for and resighting birds with and without using telemetry equipment;
- (6) Planting native seedlings;
- (7) Seed collection for propagation of native forest plant species;
- (8) Maintaining non-native predator control;
- (9) Trail and camp maintenance
- (10) Other ongoing projects.

Assistance with field preparation, clean up, and data entry in the office prior to and after trips would be appreciated.

Field duties are extremely physically challenging. Remote research sites require extensive hiking in steep, high elevation terrain. This position also requires living and working in small teams in wet and cold conditions as well as dry and hot conditions. Helicopters are used to access field camps. Camping is required for all field work.

Dates for banding trips are April 26-May 2, May 10-16, May 27- 31. Training will be done prior to trips. Applicants can choose to go on 1 trip or all 3, but preference is for volunteers to stay entire time. Please indicate in application your availability. In between trips, there will be off time and some office duties as mentioned above.

Preference will be given to applicants who have experience with passerine banding and extraction (please provide numbers on resume), prior experience with tracking birds using telemetry, and working in wilderness settings. Volunteers must be able to work and live in remote field camps under extremely physically and mentally demanding conditions, and have a good work ethic.

Desirable qualifications include a degree in ecology, biology, ornithology, botany or similar field; research with endangered birds; forest restoration work; small mammal trapping; vegetation sampling experience; Wilderness First Aid certification.

Benefits include:

- Housing in and out of the field
- Most field equipment

- Limited ground transportation
- \$25 per diem for entire time volunteering
- An opportunity to work in native forest and gain field experience in avian conservation and ecosystem management.

Applicants must provide their own airfare to Kahului, Maui. Under certain circumstances, airfare may be covered.

To apply, please email laura@mauiforestbirds.org with your resume and at least two references. Please indicate “banding volunteers” in the subject line.

If you have any further questions please email the above address or call us at 808-573-0280. Visit www.mauiforestbirds.org as well.