



Field Technicians for Prairie/Sagebrush songbirds in eastern Montana

Position Description:

Field assistants (4-6 positions) needed from mid-May through July (possibly extending into early August) for a migratory songbird study outside of Roundup, Montana. The study will look at how migratory songbird assemblages in prairie/sagebrush ecosystems respond to grazing systems. The study is a collaborative effort and designed to assess the effectiveness of migratory songbirds as a tool for monitoring landscape changes in prairie/sagebrush ecosystems. Data collection will consist of early morning avian walking transect surveys and afternoon nest monitoring. Major duties for all assistants include identifying prairie and sagebrush songbirds by sight and sound; identifying songbird nests and eggs; navigation with GPS units; data entry and proofing; and communication with project collaborators and other researchers in the area. Good organizational skills, legible handwriting, the ability to work independently and within a team, and a willingness to travel and work an unusual schedule (early mornings) in prairie/sagebrush habitats are essential.

Qualifications:

Applicants should have or are pursuing a Bachelor's degree in wildlife biology, biology, ecology, or a related field. Experience identifying birds by sight and song preferred, especially in prairie and/or sagebrush systems. Experience working with private landowners is highly desired. Strong organizational and data recording skills are required. Valid driver's license and current CPR and first aid certification required.

Salary: \$1600 - 2100/month (dependent on experience). Housing is provided.

How to apply:

Applications will be reviewed as they are received. We strongly encourage you to apply early. Email a cover letter (state dates of availability), resume/CV, and contact information for 3 references to Alan Harrington (alan.harrington001@gmail.com). Only applications with all attachments as a single PDF or Microsoft Word document will be accepted. Please put "Songbird Field Technician" in subject line. For further information about the project, please email Alan Harrington.