

Job Announcement:

Seeking two volunteers/interns to assist with a Northern Arizona University graduate project on the island of Kauai. This project will investigate the effect of natural and anthropogenic factors on the reproductive success of Hawaiian forest birds. Position will tentatively extend from February 27th to the end of June. Arrival date can be negotiated.

Job description:

Interns will work in a remote, high-elevation field location that is only accessible by an 8 mile hike through the rainforest. The field schedule rotates so that interns will work ten days in the field and then have 4 days off to explore the island. While in the field, interns will live and work in an extremely wet environment (it rains almost every day); and, because the field site is at ~4000ft, it can be very cold. All crew will be expected to live in harmony with their colleagues in a small field camp either in a weatherport or in a tent.

Field work will mostly include identifying birds by sight and sound, searching for nests using behavioral cues, monitoring nests, and setting up artificial nests and nest cameras. There may also be opportunities to help with banding, point counts, and vegetation surveys. At the end of each trip field crew members will be expected to help with maintaining housing, office, and vehicles. Data entry will also be part of your regular office-duties.

Qualifications:

The most important characteristics that we seek are:

- Positive attitude, enthusiasm, and the ability to learn
- A passion for the outdoors (love for camping, hiking, etc)
- Ability to live and work well with a small community of people in a remote environment
- Ability to follow directions and work independently
- Ability to record observations clearly and attentive to detail

Secondary qualifications:

- Experience with identifying birds by sight and sound.
- **Experience with nest searching (especially forest bird nests!)
- Experience with re-sighting color-banded birds
- *Experience with working in remote locations
- Experience with data collection and data entry

What we provide:

- Housing while on Kauai
- Transportation while on Kauai
- Field equipment

To Apply:

- Send cover letter and cv as ONE attachment (including contact information for 3 professional references) to Ruby Hammond at rubyh@hawaii.edu