



FOREST BIRDS AT RISK TECHNICIANS (3)

Bird Studies Canada (BSC) is hiring experienced, highly-motivated, and personable field staff to survey for forest birds at risk beginning in May 2019. BSC will be hiring two 2-person field teams, composed of a **Crew Leader** and two **Field Technicians** to conduct forest bird surveys in southwestern Ontario (Norfolk and Elgin counties) and in the Frontenac Arch (based out of Queen’s University Biological Station). Positions will run from April 29 to July 31.

POSITION CONCEPT

The **Field Technicians** for the [Forest Birds at Risk](#) Program (“Technicians” hereafter) will survey for several forest birds at risk, specifically Cerulean Warbler, Acadian Flycatcher, Louisiana Waterthrush, and Prothonotary Warbler. Technicians will conduct point count surveys, habitat surveys and forest health risk surveys, on a daily basis. Technicians will also be required to search for and monitor nests of the above focal species. In addition, technicians will be directly involved with landowners, including seeking permission to conduct surveys on their properties, and may be involved in some outreach work (e.g., hosting a booth at a local community event). Finally, the position will involve some data entry. The **Forest Bird Crew Leader’s** role will include the above job description as well as the added responsibility of planning day to day activities and ensuring that a core set of sites are surveyed.

EDUCATION

Most candidates will be in the process of or have already completed, a B.Sc. in biology or ecology or an equivalent wildlife-related program.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

- Excellent knowledge of Ontario forest birds including the **ability to identify birds by sight and sound** (e.g., must have experience identifying birds outside of coursework)
- Experience conducting point counts and/or surveying birds using other sampling techniques
- Experience with forestry-related tools and measurements is an asset
- Experience working in the field (field work in a remote location is an asset)
- Organized with a high attention for detail
- Able to take clear and detailed notes
- Able to use GPS

- Excellent interpersonal communication skills
- Able to work in a team environment as well as independently
- Working knowledge of Microsoft programs excel and word
- Valid driver's license
- First Aid Certification or able to obtain certification prior to start date

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Surveys for forest birds at risk, vegetation, and forest health risks
- Coordinate with supervisor and/or field crew leader to plan day-to-day activities
- Help create and maintain good relationships with landowners and other stakeholders
- Data organization and entry

SALARY: \$2,800 - \$3,000 (CDN) per month, plus legal benefits and accommodation (bunkhouse or tent-camping).

We encourage all candidates with the required qualifications and skills to apply to the position(s). However, note that some preference may be given to those who meet Canada Summer Jobs' eligibility [criteria](#).

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 11:59 pm EST, February 15, 2019.

START DATE: Crew Leader - April 29, 2019; **Field Technicians** – May 7, 2019

TO APPLY: send a short, one-page cover letter, resume and two reference contacts in a single document to Ian Fife at ifife@birdscanada.org. In your cover letter and resume, please highlight qualifications and skills. Applications that fail to demonstrate required qualifications and skills will not be considered. In addition, please indicate if you meet the Canada Summer Jobs' eligibility criteria in your cover letter. *While Bird Studies Canada welcomes all applications, only those applicants who are selected for an interview will be contacted.*