

# Avian Field Technicians Needed



Avian Field Technicians needed from approximately April 17 to June 30, 2007, to conduct point counts of birds in the northern Chihuahuan Desert of south central New Mexico. A few of the potentially 140+ species that will be encountered include Scott's Oriole, Crissal Thrasher, Lesser Nighthawk, and Cassin's Sparrow. All persons hired will conduct point counts and will collect data on vegetation structure and composition, using a fairly quick protocol (no counting individual stems, for ex.). Data will be collected using PDAs connected to GPS, and rangefinders. Technicians should have their own binoculars.

Applicants should have taken a college ornithology course. Experience working in hot rigorous field conditions is a plus. Plant i.d. training provided. Very well qualified applicants will have conducted point counts and/or nest searched in the desert southwest previously, but applicants who are birders without desert experience are encouraged to apply as well. Must have good driving record.

The study area is McGregor Range of Fort Bliss, located between Alamogordo, NM and El Paso, TX. Work is up to 7 days/wk, but usually less, beginning at 4 or 5 a.m. and finishing by about 2 pm. Days off are determined by the military access schedule. The position includes no paid vacation or benefits. Nearby attractions include the Sacramento Mountains, Sierra Blanca, (both in Lincoln National Forest), White Sands National Monument, the Organ Mountains.

An application letter specifying your available dates, your qualifications, and phone numbers and e-mail addresses of two references, should be sent (electronically is preferable, or via post) to Dr. Anna Pidgeon: [apidgeon@wisc.edu](mailto:apidgeon@wisc.edu), or 120 Russell Labs, 1630 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706.



Salary: \$1600/month. Housing will be provided.

Transportation from Wisconsin or on the route from WI to NM may be provided.

Applications accepted until positions filled

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