

FIELD TECHNICIANS

Description: We seek 5 avian field technicians for a University of Connecticut project to identify priorities for long-term monitoring of climate change sentinels in Long Island Sound (LIS). Four technicians (two in Connecticut and two on Long Island) are needed late-April through early July (10 weeks) to conduct bird and vegetation surveys in salt marshes and adjacent upland habitats (forest, shrubland) along the coast of LIS. A fifth technician (to work in both CT and Long Island) is needed approximately May through September (16 weeks) to help survey shorebirds at congregation sites during spring and fall migration, waterbird colonies during the breeding season, and provide field and office support for other aspects of the project. All technicians will be expected to work independently as well as part of a 6-7 person team.

Physical requirements: Must be able to endure long days in full sun, traverse wet, uneven terrain (including jumping over salt marsh ditches) while carrying field equipment, and be able to load a canoe onto a truck. Must be a strong swimmer. A tolerance for mud, heat, and biting insects really helps.

Duration: 10-16 weeks (depending on position); \$400/week, plus stipend for travel between field sites; no benefits.

Qualifications: Must be able to identify all birds likely to be found in Connecticut and New York by sight and sound. Experience conducting avian point count or line transect surveys. Experience with plant surveys and/or saltmarsh plant identification. Experience using handheld GPS units to navigate in the field. Working knowledge of GIS and data management software also helpful. Must possess a valid driver's license and vehicle. Must be a strong swimmer.

To apply: Send cover letter and resume, including the names and contacts of three references to Chris Field (Chrisfield22[AT]gmail.com). Resume must include detailed information about prior research experience, birding ability, knowledge of data management and analysis (including software used), relevant coursework completed (including grades), and any other relevant skills (first aid training, experience with canoes, kayaks and other outdoors activities, etc.). Review of applications will begin immediately, but applications will be accepted until position is filled; to determine whether position has been filled please check <http://hydrodictyon.eeb.uconn.edu/people/birdlab/elphick.html>.