

## **Job Description for Iowa Department of Natural Resources – Wildlife Seasonal Position**

**Location:** Clear Lake Wildlife Unit, Ventura, Iowa.

**Dates of employment:** April 15, 2024 to September 15, 2024. Start and End Dates are flexible. Employment could be longer depending on funding.

**Hourly rate:** \$15.00, We can assist in search for housing.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Under the daily direction of Iowa DNR staff, the incumbent will conduct habitat management work on public wildlife areas. The DNR Seasonal position is expected to perform a variety of semi-skilled maintenance and technical tasks at a wildlife management unit. The employee is expected to display a high level of initiative and commitment towards completing assignments efficiently. Employees in this position will work with other wildlife unit personnel and be under the general direction of the Wildlife Biologist. The job duties of this position include general wildlife management activities on State owned wildlife areas within the assigned unit counties. This is an entry level position that could lead to permanent employment opportunities with the Iowa Department of Natural resources, Wildlife Bureau.

*Examples of typical job duties may include:*

- Perform general wildlife management activities including: Wetland management, prairie management, native prairie seeding, food plot development, edge feathering, tree/brush removal, spraying, disking, mowing, etc. using large farm machinery, chainsaws, and other hand tools.
- Prescribed fire implementation for ecological purposes. This duty will require fire-line construction, fire-line holding, and mop-up activities. Performance of these tasks will require the employee to periodically work under physically stressful and adverse conditions.
- Wildlife Surveys & Monitoring including: Waterfowl banding, deer spotlight routes, august roadside surveys, spring bird point counts, fall quail covey counts, chronic wasting disease sampling, Sandhill Crane tagging, etc. Collecting of biological data occasionally will require early or late in the day work scheduling
- Blanding's Turtle Research Project: Trap Blanding's turtles for radio telemetry and survey for turtle nests and eggs. Radio track Blanding's turtles to assess movement and habitat use. GIS work including calculating Blanding's turtle home ranges and resource selection. Data entry, review, compilation, and reporting as well.
- General area maintenance involving mowing, sign posting, fence building, fence removal, tree/brush control, noxious weed control etc. These activities require the ability to use simple power equipment; drills, saws, hand tools, chain saws, trimmers, small mowers etc.
- Special assignments may require some overnight travel as part of a crew, to accomplish large scale fence removal, fence building or tree removal projects outside of the assigned unit counties. These assignments will require the ability to work well with others, work out of doors under all types of weather conditions, and to withstand physically demanding work, i.e., lifting, bending and hauling.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Graduated from or currently enrolled in or on break between semesters of college with a degree in (or pursuing a college degree in) wildlife biology, animal ecology, or another closely related natural resource field.
- Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to withstand physically demanding work, including lifting, bending, or hauling
- Able to travel on overnight duties.
- Work with minimal supervision; demonstrate responsible behavior and attention to detail.
- Must have a valid motor vehicle operator's license.
- Able to work alone or as part of a team, with the public, in all conditions, on weekends, holidays, nights, and evenings as required.
- Follow policy and cooperate with supervisors and co-workers.
- Exhibits honesty and integrity.
- Displays a high level of initiative, effort and commitment towards completing assignments efficiently.
- Must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- Must be available for all interviews and training as required.
- Works and communicates with internal and external clients and customers to meet their needs in a polite, courteous and cooperative manner

**To Apply, send a resume and cover letter to Ben Christensen at [ben.christensen@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:ben.christensen@dnr.iowa.gov) by March 15<sup>th</sup> 2024. For additional information, contact Ben Christensen, Clear Lake WMU Tech II at 641-829-3285**

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