

## Wildlife Monitoring Technician – Birds

Iowa State University

Closing date: Monday, February 10, 2025

Locations: Boone, Indianola, Sioux City, Swisher, Waterloo, IA

Wildlife monitoring technicians, bird specialist (~5) are needed to help with Iowa's Multiple Species Inventory and Monitoring (MSIM) program. Applicants will work as part of a research and monitoring team to collect information on birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, insects, and mussels on public lands throughout Iowa for the 20<sup>th</sup> field season of MSIM. Field work for all positions will be conducted throughout the state of Iowa with significant travel during the workday.

Specific job duties include (but are not limited to) bird point count surveys using visual and auditory cues, conducting surveys and handling butterflies, identifying and measuring plant species, data entry, and assisting with other tasks as needed.

Positions are temporary, full-time (maximum of 40 hours/week) starting March 24<sup>th</sup> and ending October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with potential for a few summer only (May-Aug) positions. Salary is \$14-18/hr dependent upon qualifications and relevant experience. No overtime will be provided. Vehicles will be provided for work-related travel. Housing options vary, but could be available at some locations.

### Minimum Qualifications:

- Applicants should be graduated from, currently enrolled in, or on break between semesters of college with a degree in (or pursuing a degree in) wildlife ecology, biology, or a closely related natural resource field.
- Applicants must have the physical ability to work long hours outdoors, walk long distances, carry field equipment in rough terrain, and wade through water.
- Must be able to work independently and as part of a team
- Must be able to work during diverse weather conditions and on weekends, holidays, nights, and evenings as required.
- Must have a strong work ethic and attention to detail
- If needed, must be able to travel overnight for work-related duties

### Preferred qualifications:

- Possess a B.S. degree in wildlife ecology, biology or a related field
- Able to identify Midwest bird species by sight and sound
- Experience with at least one additional taxonomic group (mammals, herptiles, fish, mussels, odonates, butterflies, or plants).

### How to Apply:

Submit a **single** document containing a cover letter, resume/CV, and contact information for three references to [isu.msims@gmail.com](mailto:isu.msims@gmail.com). Cover letter must contain your ideal **start date**, **location(s)**, and **position type** (ie. generalist, birder) you are interested in. Applications review will begin after January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 with interviews starting in early January and continuing until all positions are filled.

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