

Pollinator Conservation Specialist

Prairie Rivers of Iowa, located in Ames, is in search of a personable, creative, independent and motivated individual to serve as our Pollinator Conservation Specialist.

Job Description:

The Pollinator Conservation Specialist (PCS) works to improve pollinator and wildlife habitat in a collaborative environment. By creating and maintaining meaningful connections with government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, farmers, landowners, businesses, and community members, the work of the PCS will benefit Iowa's pollinator species through the education of diverse audiences about pollinator ecology and conservation practices.

As a member of our Watersheds and Wildlife Program, the PCS will:

- Provide one-on-one technical support and advice on pollinator and wildlife habitat restoration to farmers, landowners, rural and urban residents, watershed management authorities and governmental agencies
- Provide information to the public about pollinator ecology and conservation through public outreach, including public events, field days, webinars and conferences, etc.
- Provide ecological guidance and assistance to city and county employees on pollinator habitat projects
- Collaborate with the Byway Program Coordinator to develop a pollinator and wildlife habitat conservation plan along Byways
- Write, implement, and report on relevant grants to support pollinator conservation efforts
- Manage volunteers and interns as needed. Other duties as identified.

Qualifications:

- Knowledge of native ecosystems and the pollinator and plant species within them
- Knowledge of prairie restoration principles and practices
- Ability to effectively communicate and work with diverse people and organizations
- Master's degree in environmental sciences, ecology, natural resource management, entomology or related field, or a Bachelor's degree in an above field plus experience
- Ability to coordinate and manage complex, multi-organizational projects
- Be a self-starter and creative problem-solver with the ability to establish priorities and meet deadlines
- Excellent writing and public relations skills; capable of giving engaging oral and visual presentation
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite and ArcGIS
- Valid driver's license and personal transportation

Preferred Experience:

- Experience conducting plant, insect or wildlife surveys
- Experience with Farm Bill conservation programs
- Experience in grant writing
- Previous leadership experience with students or groups of adults

Application Process:

- Please submit a cover letter, resume and references electronically to the Search Team at search@prrcd.org. This position will remain open until filled.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit founded in 1999 as a Resource Conservation and Development organization. Headquartered in Ames, Iowa, PRI operates in multiple counties to promote economic development through the restoration and conservation of Iowa's cultural and natural resources. Our current focus areas are:

- Increasing native pollinator and wildlife habitat
- Improving Iowa's water quality
- Managing state and national Scenic Byways.

Equal Employment Opportunity

Prairie Rivers of Iowa does not discriminate against any person on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, gender identity or political beliefs in carrying out duties associated with the position.