

Wetlands Research Technician: Focus on Avian and Vegetation Communities



Position description: Research Technician (seasonal, full time; May through August 2024 with possibility of extension)

Agency/State: U.S. Geological Survey, South Dakota Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit, South Dakota State University

Location: Brookings, SD

Responsibilities: Seeking a highly motivated student with experience in bird identification and an interest in wetland ecology. The goal of the study is to monitor and assess wetlands enrolled in the USDA-NRCS Agricultural Conservation Easement Program in South Dakota. This project will involve walking over rough terrain including rough ground and flooded areas. Duties include conducting avian point counts independently, assisting with vegetation sampling surveys including cover analysis for herbaceous plants and individual tree identification, record keeping, and data entry. Work on an independent project is possible for the selected student if desired.

Qualifications: An undergraduate student with an interest in gaining experience in wetland ecology preferred. Experience with bird identification in the field required. Prior experience conducting point counts in the Midwest preferred. Ability to work independently in the field required. A valid driver's license required.

Pay: \$15/hour

Please contact Kat Millman with a resume and references by April 1, 2024 if interested. Applications will be reviewed as they are received.

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