Waterfowl Breeding Ecology Crew Leader

Summer 2024

Ducks Unlimited’s Great Plains Regional Office in Bismarck seeks one waterfowl ecology crew leader to assist with nest searching at the Ducks Unlimited Coteau Ranch and the Nature Conservancy’s Davis Ranch in Sheridan County, North Dakota during May – July of 2024.

Major responsibilities will include upland nest searching using an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) chain drag technique, supervising technicians, nest monitoring using miniature surveillance cameras, and assisting in behavioral analysis using the collected video data. The successful applicant will play a large role in guiding technicians who are working at the Coteau Ranch on data collection and field research projects.

Previous experience nest searching, identifying upland species in flight, deploying nest cameras, behavioral analysis, and ATV experience will be strongly preferred. Field work is physically and mentally demanding and takes place under challenging conditions. Therefore, only enthusiastic, dedicated individuals should apply. A strong interest in ecology, desire to spend long days in the field and determination to get the job done well is required. Inquisitive, detail-oriented, and self-motivated applicants will be preferred. Successful applicants will be expected to work effectively with and without direct supervision. Preference will be given to applicants who possess or are working toward a degree in wildlife ecology or similar area of study. Applicants must have a valid driver’s license and clean driving record. Ducks Unlimited requires pre-employment drug tests.

This position will provide opportunities to supervise technicians, lead and develop research projects, and continue developing a competitive skill set. The positions run from mid-May through the end of July. The crew leaders will work closely in the field with Ducks Unlimited scientists and University of North Dakota faculty and students. The
successful applicants will be paid $15.00/hour, and shared housing will be provided in Wing, ND.

To apply for this position, complete the application at this link: <https://www.ducks.org/About-Ducks-Unlimited/Jobs-at-Ducks-Unlimited> and attach a cover letter, resume and daytime contact information for three professional references. Applications will be considered as they are received, and position **will remain open until filled**. Questions regarding these positions may be directed to:

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