

**AVIAN FIELD BIOLOGISTS – Wyoming and eastern Idaho (7)** – Bird Conservancy of the Rockies is seeking experienced field biologists to conduct point counts throughout the state of Wyoming and in eastern Idaho. The position will run from approximately May 15<sup>th</sup> thru mid-July. Successful candidates must be able to attend a week-long, mandatory, paid training beginning on or around May 15<sup>th</sup>. Surveys are located on both public and private lands including within scenic areas such as the Red Desert, Shoshone and Bridger-Teton National Forests, Devil’s Tower National Monument, as well as Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks. Upon the successful completion of training, technicians will work both independently (approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the season) and with a partner (approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the season) conducting bird surveys. The work schedule is typically 10 days on and 4 days off; however, alternative schedules may be considered on a case by case basis. Technicians must be able to identify all bird species found in Wyoming by sight and sound upon completion of training, and should expect to hike long distances off-trail in steep and rugged terrain on a regular basis. Primitive camping, often without phone service or facilities, and some overnight backcountry travel to survey remote road-less areas will be required. Completion of job duties may require long days in the field periodically. These positions represent an excellent opportunity to explore some of the most wild and scenic places in the lower 48 states while advancing avian conservation at regional scales. [Click here for additional information](#) about the IMBCR program.

**Qualifications:** Applicants should be enthusiastic, physically fit, enjoy travel, and be willing to work long hours in the field. The successful applicant will need to be comfortable hiking and surveying in areas with potentially hazardous wildlife including rattlesnakes, black and grizzly bear, moose, and mountain lion. The ability to identify avian species that breed in Wyoming by sight and sound is required. A valid driver's license, proof of auto insurance, binoculars, camping gear, basic computer skills, a strong work ethic, and enthusiasm for conservation and conducting fieldwork are also necessary. Applicants should enjoy working independently and be a self-starter. Desired qualifications include prior experience conducting point count surveys, camping, long distance hiking, and navigating in the backcountry. Applicants with personal 4WD vehicles are encouraged to apply; however, the Bird Conservancy will rent vehicles for qualified applicants that do not possess 4WD vehicles and are at least 21 years old. To apply, please email a cover letter which describes your bird identification knowledge/ability/experience in detail, a resume, and three references as a single document to: Nick Van Lanen at [nick.vanlanen@birdconservancy.org](mailto:nick.vanlanen@birdconservancy.org). Applications which do not demonstrate sufficient avian identification skills will not be considered. I will begin reviewing applications on or around January 11th and positions will be filled as suitable applicants are found.

**Compensation:** Hourly wages will range from \$13.25 - \$15.50, depending upon experience. Employees can expect 80 hours of work per week with the possibility of some overtime. In addition to the hourly wage, reimbursement for project-related travel, some recreational travel, and approximately \$100 per week in camping and lodging reimbursements will be provided.