

**POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**Title:** Avian Field Technician – Wyoming and eastern Idaho

**FLSA Status**: FULL TIME / SALARIED / EXEMPT

**Reports to:** Alex van Boer

**Direct Reports:** None

**Location**: Wyoming (statewide) and eastern Idaho

**Salary:** $1,368-$1,414 - biweekly, depending on experience. In addition to salary, reimbursement for project-related travel, camping, and lodging will be provided.

**Duration:** Approximately 10 weeks (mid-May to mid-July)

**Benefits:** None

**Start Date** 05/18/2020 (tentative)

**About the Organization:**

Bird Conservancy of the Rockies conserves birds and their habitats through an integrated approach of science, education and stewardship. Our work extends from the Rockies to the Great Plains, Mexico and beyond. Our mission is advanced through sound science, achieved through empowering people, realized through stewardship and sustained through cross-border collaborations. We monitor and identify population trends, research habitat needs, engage landowners and managers in wildlife and habitat stewardship, and inspire audiences of all ages to be better stewards of the land. Together, we are improving native bird populations, the land, and the lives of people. Learn more about our work and programs at our website: [www.birdconservancy.org](http://www.birdconservancy.org)

**Job Duties and Responsibilities:**

**OVERVIEW**

Bird Conservancy of the Rockies is seeking experienced field technicians to conduct point counts throughout the state of Wyoming and in eastern Idaho. 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. The position will run from approximately May 18th through mid-July. Surveys are located on both public and private lands throughout Wyoming and eastern Idaho, including scenic areas such as the Red Desert, Shoshone and Bridger-Teton National Forests, as well as Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks.

Successful candidates must be able to attend a mandatory 5-day paid training beginning in mid-May. Upon the successful completion of training, technicians will work both independently (approximately ¾ of the season) and with a partner (approximately ¼ of the season) conducting bird surveys. Survey work will include long days in the field and working a variable schedule. 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, roadless areas will be required. Please visit the IMBCR [Webpage](https://birdconservancy.org/what-we-do/science/monitoring/imbcr-program/) for additional information about the IMBCR program or check out this [blog post](https://birdconservancy.org/off-the-beaten-track/) to hear about the position from a previous technician.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES**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. Applicants must enjoy working independently with multiple days of solitude. The ability to identify all 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 with personal 4WD/AWD vehicles are strongly encouraged to apply; however, Bird Conservancy may be able rent vehicles for qualified applicants that do not possess 4WD/AWD vehicles if they are at least 21 years of age. Desired qualifications include prior experience conducting point count surveys, camping, long-distance hiking, and navigating in the backcountry.

**REQUIRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

* Ability to identify avian species of Wyoming by sight and sound is required
* Driver’s license, proof of insurance, and experience driving 4WD vehicles is required
* Prior experience conducting avian point counts is highly desired
* Experience camping, long-distance hiking, and navigating in the backcountry is highly desired

**To Apply:**

Email a cover letter detailing your bird identification knowledge and dates of availability, a resume, and three references as a single document (PDF or Word) to: Alex van Boer at alex.vanboer@birdconservancy.org. Applications will reviewed in early January 2020 and positions will be filled as suitable applicants are found.