



Seasonal Field Technician

Overview

The Vermont Center for Ecostudies advances wildlife conservation in New England and across the Americas through a combination of scientific research and community engagement. Our work includes conducting research and long-term monitoring projects on a variety of species, from birds to salamanders, butterflies, and bees, and delivering our results to inform management decisions and policies that affect these animals. We work with many partners, from New England and Canada to the tropical locations where New England's migratory species overwinter, and engage thousands of volunteers ("community scientists") who participate in our work through data collection and monitoring. Our work is funded by a combination of grants, contracts, and donations. Our office is located in White River Junction, Vermont.

Position Description

VCE seeks a seasonal field technician to assist with Vermont Whip-poor-will Project surveys for the 2021 breeding season. The field technician must be comfortable working with the project biologist and conducting nightlong surveys along roadsides. Surveys will take place on every clear night from May 19–June 2 and again from June 17–June 30. In the weeks between survey periods, the technician will assist the project biologist with data entry, map making, and route planning. For the 2021 season, surveys will be primarily focused on Windham and Windsor counties. The field technician must be confident in their ability to detect bird calls at a distance, willing to camp (must provide own camping equipment) during the duration of the field survey periods, and have a personal vehicle to access the survey locations.

The field technician will work with VCE's Whip-poor-will project biologist to:

- Conduct nocturnal roadside point counts using GPS and compass, working in a team of two with the project leader.
- Utilize Automated Recording Units (ARUs) to detect nocturnal birds.
- Accurately record point weather data, location data, and Whip-poor-will data in Microsoft Excel.
- Assess and document general vegetation and habitat information.

Term: May 11–July 2. This is a temporary, non-exempt position that is not benefits eligible.

Compensation: \$13-14/hr plus reimbursement for mileage traveled in personal vehicle between local lodging and field sites.

Application Procedure: To apply, send a cover letter and resume to Ryan Rebozo (rrebozo@vtecostudies.org) by 5:00pm April 9, 2021.