

## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Avian Research Intern**

Great Hollow Nature Preserve & Ecological Research Center is seeking an avian research intern to help with various projects involving birds and other wildlife at its research sites in Danbury, CT, New Fairfield, CT, and Pawling, NY from mid/late May through July/early August, 2020. One project involves target-netting male ovenbirds using song playback to investigate return rates of previously banded birds at the study site. This is part of a larger study of the effects of the invasive shrub, Japanese barberry, on ovenbird habitat quality, diet, and other factors. Another project involves capturing migrating and breeding songbirds to sample them for the newly introduced and invasive Asian long-horned tick and other tick species in collaboration with Western Connecticut State University. For both projects, the intern will assist with setting up and taking down mist-nets, recording data, and other tasks. Previous experience with mist-netting and bird banding is preferred but not necessary to apply. In addition to these projects, the avian research intern will conduct bird surveys at Great Hollow Nature Preserve and other nearby areas for the Connecticut Bird Atlas Project. Experience conducting bird surveys and strong eastern bird identification skills (by sight and sound) are required.

Other duties will include data entry and conducting weekly drag-samples for ticks as part of a regional black-legged tick population monitoring effort. The research intern may also occasionally be asked to help with miscellaneous office duties, community events, educational programs, and otherwise contribute to the general day-to-day operation of Great Hollow.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

- Strong eastern bird identification skills and experience conducting bird surveys.
- Familiarity with mist-netting and banding birds.
- Completion of at least 1 full year of a 4-year university program, majoring in natural resources, conservation biology, ecology, wildlife management, or a similar field.
- Ability to enjoy working outdoors under adverse conditions.
- Physically fit and able to work long days on rugged terrain.
- English fluency.
- Ability to communicate effectively.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

- Ability to live in shared on-site housing with respect for others (for applicants in need of housing).
- Proof and continuous maintenance of health insurance coverage during employment.
- U.S. citizenship or authorization to work in the U.S.
- Valid driver's license and own transportation.

Compensation includes a weekly stipend of \$325, plus free on-site, shared housing and utilities (electric, cable tv/internet/phone) at Great Hollow Nature Preserve.

To apply, please email as a single PDF (1) a cover letter that describes in detail your experience with birds and any other relevant field experience (if you have experience with mist-netting and banding, please include an estimated number of extractions), (2) a C.V., and (3) contact info and relationships to at least 2 professional references to Dr. Chad Seewagen at [info@greathollow.org](mailto:info@greathollow.org). Applications will be accepted until April 10 and reviewed in the order in which they are received.

