



Painted Bunting Technician Internship

Organization: The Cape Fear Bird Observatory

Location: Greater Wilmington (New Hanover and Brunswick Counties)

Job Category: Seasonal/Temporary

Start Date: Move in May 18th

Pay: \$5000 stipend for the season, paid in monthly installments

Description: One Painted Bunting (PABU) Technician Intern is needed to help with continuing PABU research on coastal properties, both public and private. This person will assist in a study that will include point counts, banding and resighting color banded birds, and attaching radio tags to birds on sites from Wilmington to Sunset Beach. The internship responsibilities will include: 1) Field activities: the intern will learn how to band birds with federal and color bands, take measurements on birds in the hand, perform public outreach during banding at private homes and at public properties; perform point counts at sites along the coast following a protocol, band PABU at these sites following protocol; 2) collect data following specified protocols; management of data and quality control; 3) Participate in public education through banding demonstrations; 4) Property and equipment care: participate in proper use, care, and maintenance of CFBO property and equipment, such as banding tools, nets, traps, and electronics.

General skills and capabilities desired: No previous experience is necessary, but a successful candidate should be interested in learning new skills and be able to multitask. Other helpful qualities include attention to detail and strong communication skills. A successful candidate will have the ability to communicate scientific research to a variety of audiences, ability to work in difficult and physically challenging field conditions such as heat, humidity, and insects, have the ability to carry heavy or awkward field equipment, ability to walk several miles, and an ability to kayak several miles.

Other notes: Weekly hours will vary depending on field work and data entry needs but will generally amount to approximately 30 hours per week. Start and end times will vary depending on tides and weather. Early morning hours are required, often before dawn, and long days in high temperatures are likely. Intern will need to provide their own transportation.

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