Iowa DNR Wildlife Research Section
Temporary Wildlife Position
Winter/Spring 2021
Wapello, Iowa

Employment Dates: mid-May – mid/late-August

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources will be hiring two temporary positions in the wildlife research section. These positions will be based out of the Odessa Wildlife Unit in Wapello, Iowa.

This project is part of a study to evaluate cause-specific mortality factors for wild turkey pouls in Iowa. The primary responsibility will be monitoring radio-marked pouls and adult females using radio telemetry, investigating mortality events, collecting and preserving turkey carcasses for laboratory analyses, and engaging with private landowners. Secondary responsibilities may include downloading and processing geolocations from GPS transmitters.

Employment dates will be mid-May through mid- to late-August, with the timing dependent on the number of radio-marked turkeys for monitoring. End dates for both positions may vary.

Applicants must have a strong understanding of basic wildlife ecology and outdoor skills, be physically capable and willing to work outdoors in inclement weather, and capable of interacting professionally with private landowners. Fieldwork will occur daily and days off may not coincide with Saturday/Sunday weekends. Field conditions will include rain, heat, humidity, biting insects, poison ivy, and livestock. Field sites will be on public and private lands. Successful applicants should be self motivated and have experience with equipment related to fieldwork, including GPS units, road and topographical maps, and 4-wheel drive vehicles. Applicants should be proficient with computer programs such as Microsoft Office; experience with ArcGIS is beneficial, but not required. Experience monitoring wildlife with radio telemetry is preferred.

Pay will be approximately $13.81/hour. Applicants must have a valid driver’s license and allow their driving record to be screened upon hiring. Housing will be provided at the Odessa Wildlife Unit headquarters (2-bedroom house with 1 bathroom and kitchen).

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 5, 2021

To apply, please send a resume, three references, and a cover letter with availability (start and end dates) to:

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