

WATERFOWL TECHNICIAN POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

TITLE: Wood Duck Technician

LOCATION: Fallon, Nevada

HIRED BY: University of Nevada Reno

DATES: April 1 (perhaps March 1) through June 30, 2019

SALARY: ~\$1500/month

This position is for the lead technician for the 17th year of monitoring wood ducks in the Fallon, Nevada area. Core duties will include maintaining and monitoring 420 wood duck nest boxes, banding all hens using nesting boxes, webtagging all ducklings in the nest boxes, using rocket nets, air cannons, whoosh nets and float traps to trap wood ducks continuously, resighting auxiliary banded wood duck ducks with spotting scopes, capturing individuals with geolocators, coordination of volunteers, and constant data entry.

The ability to work independently, manage time, an outgoing personality with private landowners, and to collect high quality data is imperative. During the nest search period, work on Saturdays is mandatory as that is the day of the week University volunteers are available. Time off once hatch starts until hatch ends is difficult and potentially requires working Saturdays and Sundays, and is up to the selectee to take opportunities to take leave when field work allows; leave can be easy to deal with outside of the hatch period.

Additional opportunities include the potential to be involved in other waterfowl capture efforts and attendance of the Pacific Flyway wingbee. If candidate is successful in the wood duck position, we typically roll the position into a higher paying position with Nevada Department of Wildlife starting July 1 through September 30, 2019 as leader of the pre-season mallard banding program.

Low quality housing (has bedrooms, electricity, and water; but don't have high expectations) is provided as is a work vehicle. Pay is ~\$1500/month. Position will be hired through the University of Nevada Reno.

REQUIREMENTS: A four year degree in wildlife or similar program.

REQUIRED SKILLS: Experience capturing and banding waterfowl, data entry, ability to manage time, ability to work long and irregular hours, and proof of possessing a federal duck stamp.

To apply, send a letter of interest, resume, and phone numbers and emails for 3 references to chris.a.nicolai@gmail.com by February 17, 2019. Feel free to send questions about this position to the same email address.

This is a cooperative project between Nevada Waterfowl Association, University of Nevada Reno, US Fish & Wildlife Service, and Nevada Department of Wildlife.