Title: Lead technician to evaluation wood duck nesting ecology in Delaware and Maryland

Agency: University of Delaware

Website: https://www.udel.edu/academics/colleges/canr/departments/entomology-and-wildlife-ecology/faculty-staff/chris-williams/

Location: Delmarva Peninsula (Delaware and Maryland)

Job Category: Temporary/Seasonal Position

Salary: $2,000/month and housing provided

Start Date: ~03/15/2020

Last Day to Apply: 1/15/2020

Job Description: We are seeking one lead technician to assist with a project studying wood duck nesting ecology and recruitment in Delaware and Maryland. Field work will start ~March 15, 2020 and run through ~July 31, 2020. This project is part of a collaborative study with several participating universities and state agencies that will be collecting similar data to study wood ducks at a scale that is representative of the southeastern United States. The role of technician will be to monitor nest boxes, collect nest data, sample habitat, and band and web-tag hens and ducklings captured in nest boxes. In order to accomplish these tasks, the technicians will work in a team with technicians from Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife and Maryland Department of Natural Resources and possibly an undergraduate researcher. However, this advertised technician will be responsible for coordinating the data collection and weekly goals across study sites. Housing will be provided by Delaware Wildlands at one of the study sites. Technician will be paid $2,000 per month and housing will be provided.

Job Qualifications: Applicants must have a valid driver’s license, pass a background check, be able to lift 40 lbs, and must be physically fit to walk long distances through difficult marsh habitat. Preference will be given to applicants who are pursuing or have graduated with a college degree in wildlife ecology, have experience monitoring waterfowl nests (especially wood ducks), and capturing and banding waterfowl. Technician can anticipate long days in the field working in adverse conditions (heat, bugs, etc.).

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references to Dr. Chris Williams at ckwillia@udel.edu.