

Waterfowl Technician — Minnedosa, Manitoba, Canada

Location: Minnedosa, Manitoba, Canada

Closing Date: February 15, 2020

Technicians are needed to assist a project investigating the breeding ecology of Canvasbacks, as well as other nesting ducks in response to predator reduction in Southwestern Manitoba. Field work will involve conducting breeding pair surveys, extensive nest searching for both upland and over-water duck nests, and brood surveys to estimate local productivity. Work days often start around 6:00am with the majority of duties being completed by early afternoon however, it is not uncommon for additional tasks to arise requiring further attention. During the nest searching period (~6-8 weeks), work days are comprised of long hours with very few days off. Over-water nest searching is laborious and applicants should be in good physical condition with a strong work ethic.

Start Date: April 20 – May 1.

End Date: Early August.

Salary: \$1600 per month, field accommodations provided.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must possess a valid Driver's License with clean driving record.
- Must obtain a passport for working internationally.
- Working towards or has completed a degree in Biology, Natural Resources, Wildlife Management or related field.
- Positive attitude along with a passion for waterfowl and conservation.

Desired Skills:

- An understanding of processes surrounding the breeding ecology and management of various waterfowl species.
- Ability to collect, enter, and verify unbiased data- Data will be collected for a variety of analyses so attention to detail and the ability to multi-task are both pertinent skills needed to fulfill these positions.
- Strong organization and communication capabilities- This crew has many moving parts so experience relating to logistics and the ability to communicate successfully are highly desirable.
- Strong work ethic and the ability to be productive in groups as well as individually- Most work is conducted in small groups but some tasks require work to be completed independently.
- Willingness to live in close quarters and get along with a diverse group of people.

Technical Duties:

- Positively identify numerous dabbling and diving-duck species (including adults and broods), from long distances under variable light and weather conditions.
- Candling/floating eggs to determine incubation stage.
- Ability to collect, enter, and verify unbiased data, using applications such as Microsoft Excel.
- Use of trail cameras to monitor wildlife.

Please send one document including cover letter, CV, earliest potential start date, and contact information (email, address, telephone numbers) for at least 3 and up to 6 professional references in addition to unofficial transcripts to Trenton Rohrer (Trenton.Rohrer@sdsstate.edu) with "Delta Waterfowl Technician" in the subject line. Do not wait until the closing date to submit applications as positions will be filled as applications are received.