

FIELD BIOLOGY INTERNSHIP: The Ventana Wildlife Society is seeking enthusiastic, outgoing individuals to assist us in conserving native wildlife and their habitats through avian research, species restoration, and education. Interns will assist with and gain experience in California condor restoration, bird banding (seasonal), and educating visitors to our research programs.

Avian research: VWS operates a mist-netting and banding station April through October. Interns receive extensive training in mist-netting and banding of passerines (MAPS protocol), data entry and data management. The focus is on conducting avian field research and includes the opportunity to conduct interpretive bird banding demonstrations for the public.

Species reintroduction and management: VWS is currently reintroducing endangered California condors to the central coast. Position involves monitoring free-flying California condors utilizing radio telemetry, participating in supplemental food placements, nest observation, public education, as well as other flock management activities. Daily tracking efforts along the coast provides constant opportunity to interact with the public and distribute educational materials.

The above VWS programs operate out of Andrew Molera State Park in Big Sur. Some projects may require travel to remote locations such as our condor rearing and release facility, off site bird-banding and other conservation related projects. In these cases, field vehicles are provided.

A bi-monthly stipend of \$293 and housing in Pacific Grove are provided. Internships span 6 months and positions are available starting in late February and late August. This is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable field experience in research, restoration and education while living on the breathtaking California central coast.

Preferred applicants will have:

- Prior birding/ornithological, interpretive, and/or field biology experience.
- Valid driver's license
- Experience with driving on dirt roads, working in remote outdoor locations, and basic field safety
- Ability to hike in steep rugged terrain, lifting loads in excess of 50 pounds, and working outdoors in inclement weather conditions.
- Outgoing personality with an interest in natural interpretation and sharing research with public
- Ability to identify western birds by sight and sound
- A strong interest in both avian research and restoration – and a commitment to active involvement

Applications accepted in January for February start dates, and in July for August start dates. Positions open until filled.

For more information about the research, restoration and education activities of our organization, visit <http://www.ventanaws.org>. Please submit cover letter and resume with three work related references to ALENA PORTE (EM: alenaporte AT ventanaws.org)