



Field Technicians Required for the British Columbia Breeding Bird Atlas – May-July 2010

Bird Studies Canada (BSC) BC office is seeking highly motivated field biologists to survey for breeding birds for the British Columbia Breeding Bird Atlas beginning May 28, 2010. The Atlas is a five-year field project to determine the distribution and abundance of all bird species breeding in the province. For more information, visit www.birdatlas.bc.ca. Field Technicians are required to conduct Breeding Bird Atlas surveys, including 15 point counts per day (to determine abundance) following Atlas protocols for determining count locations, beginning in the early morning, and assessments of breeding evidence to determine species distributions continuing through the remainder of each day.

Technicians must demonstrate the following skills/experience:

- Ability to **IDENTIFY WESTERN CANADA'S BIRDS BY SIGHT AND SOUND**;
- Comfortable working long days starting early in the morning;
- Tent-camping (especially in remote areas);
- Candidates must also be legally entitled to work in Canada and have a valid driver's license and your own vehicle.

Additional assets/skills:

- Familiarity with British Columbia, particularly interior and northern/north-western parts of the province;
- First Aid Certification, preferably Wilderness First Aid;
- Navigation in remote areas with map, compass, GPS;
- Back country experience.

Salary:

\$150/day, which is to cover food, travel, and accommodation. We are currently planning field survey priorities, which are dependent to some extent on pending funding applications; locations and durations of surveys have therefore yet to be finalized, but could entail one week to six week contracts concentrated in northern, central, and eastern parts of the province.

Deadline: Monday, May 17, 2010, 11:59 pm - Pacific time. Please send a resume and brief cover letter highlighting your birding and field experience, your availability during the period 28 May – 10 July, and your regional preference (if any) for conducting surveys, plus the names and addresses of two references, to Christopher Di Corrado at cdicorrado@birdscanada.org. While Bird Studies Canada thanks all applicants, only those chosen for an interview will be contacted.



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