

MAPS Bander-in-Charge 2017

Owl Moon Environmental Inc. (OMEI; www.owlmoon.ca) together with The Institute for Bird Populations (IBP; www.birdpop.org) are seeking up to six Banders-in-Charge (BIC); the number and availability of positions is dependent on confirmation of project funding. The BIC will be responsible for establishment and operation of a network of mist-netting and banding stations in the oil sands region near Fort McMurray, Alberta, for the Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS) program (<http://www.birdpop.org/maps.htm>). Positions extend from May 8 through August 8 2017. Successful applicants must have advanced skills in mist-netting, bird banding, identifying, ageing and sexing of landbirds in the hand, ability to identify birds by song, operation of a banding station, and data management, and either hold or qualify to hold a CWS bird-banding subpermit. NABC certification and previous experience with the MAPS protocol would be very useful assets. A completed Bachelor's degree in biology, ecology, environmental science, or zoology (or equivalent) will be necessary for U.S. citizens to meet requirements for entry into, and working in Canada. Applicants from other countries must possess the required work visas. Successful candidates will lead a crew of 2-3 banders and will supervise, guide, and provide advanced training to Assistant Banders on bird-banding, aging and sexing of birds, and banding station operations. Demonstrated leadership skills, attention to detail, adherence to safety requirements, and tolerance of long and sometimes difficult field days that begin before dawn, and an ability to supervise and maintain a healthy team atmosphere are required. BIC's will adhere to safety and industrial site requirements for working in this region. BIC's will be employees of OMEI, and will receive payment of between CA\$3,500 and CA\$4,250 per month, depending on experience and field housing arrangements. BIC's completing the season adequately and responsibly and adhering to all required safety protocols will receive a lump-sum bonus of CA\$2,500 at the conclusion of the program. Accommodation will be provided. No health or other benefits beyond those described herein will be included. Applicants must hold a current, valid Alberta Class 5 driver's licence (or equivalent), allowing them to drive (4x4 truck) in Alberta. Applications must include a cover letter, resume, driver's abstract, and the name and contact information of three persons as references. Applications will be received until all positions are filled, but no later than February 28, 2017. To apply or receive further information please contact Liz Lade at llade@owlmoon.ca or by phone at (403) 542-2311.