



### **Pacific Island Bird Conservation Tongan Ground Dove Biologist**

**BIRD RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES IN AMERICAN SAMOA (U.S. Citizens ONLY):** The Institute for Bird Populations (IBP) seeks one (1) research biologist to help develop a project that involves remote-tracking and vocal playback investigations on Tongan Ground Doves (*Alopecoenas stairi*) on the island of Ofu, American Samoa, from May 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, self-motivated individual comfortable working in a remote location for 8-9 months, and with a solid background in bird banding and handling live birds. Successful applicants should have experience in attaching tracking devices on birds and following them, plotting data using ArcGIS, collecting blood and swab samples, and generally being capable of troubleshooting and problem-solving in a remote situation. A graduate degree or equivalent experience in research design, implementation, and analysis are required for this position. This population of Tongan Ground Dove has been listed as an Endangered Species, and experience in handling birds will be necessary in order to obtain ESA permits.

A U.S. passport and driver's license valid for the duration of the position are required. Roundtrip airfare to American Samoa from San Francisco and free shared housing with an assistant field technician will be provided in addition to a salary of approximately \$2500/mo.

#### **TO APPLY**

Submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references, via email as a single attachment, to Lauren Helton (lhelton at birdpop.org).

Applications are due no later than 3/3/2017.

For more information, see our [Pacific Islands Bird Conservation](#) program page.