



The INSTITUTE for BIRD POPULATIONS

POSITION AVAILABLE: POINT COUNT FIELD BIOLOGIST

APPLICATION DEADLINE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

We have two openings during spring/summer 2019 for a point count project at Fort AP Hill, Virginia.

PROJECT DATES: Approximately **late April – early June** (exact start date TBD)

RESPONSIBILITIES: The field season will begin with a short training session in visual and acoustic bird ID skills, point count techniques, and safety. On a typical day, working in a team of two, biologists will wake up before dawn drive and hike to a point count transect starting point, after which each biologist will conduct the point count in opposite directions of the same transect, meeting again at the starting point or the field vehicle. Point counts will generally conclude by about 11:00 am each day. Additional work will be spent entering data, planning for the next day's work, etc. Work will be physically demanding, sometimes involving hiking several miles per day, and work in areas with ticks, mosquitoes, bears and other field hazards. Candidates must be in very good physical condition, and must be comfortable with off-trail hiking and orienteering (training provided).

REQUIRED SKILLS and EXPERIENCE: Candidates **MUST** have previous experience conducting avian point counts, and be able to identify Southeastern U.S. birds by sight and (especially) by call and song.

COMPENSATION: These positions are considered independent contractors, not IBP staff. Biologists will receive payment of \$2,400 per month, but no fringe benefits. Free housing provided.

TO APPLY:

Submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for 3 references (all as a single attachment) to:

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Please put **Fort AP Hill Point Count Position** in the subject line.