



# The INSTITUTE for BIRD POPULATIONS

**POSITION AVAILABLE:** MAPS FIELD BIOLOGIST, MARIPOSA, CA

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** OPEN UNTIL FILLED

We have **one** opening during spring/summer 2019 for a MAPS Biologist in Mariposa County, CA

**PROJECT DATES:** Approximately **mid-June to early August** (exact start date TBD)

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** The biologist will run a series of 5-6 Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS) banding stations along the Merced River in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, near Yosemite National Park. The biologist will work with and supervise a volunteer field technician. Housing will be provided in the town of Mariposa free of charge. Work schedule is somewhat flexible based on weather and other logistics, but workers will be expected to spend a minimum of 6 of every 10 days in the field. Work consists of rising well before dawn to reach the banding stations, operating them until approximately noon, and then planning for the next day's work. Additional work in the afternoon will include data entry or other logistics related to the field work.

**REQUIRED SKILLS and EXPERIENCE:** Successful applicants **MUST** have previous experience with the MAPS protocol, be proficient at Western U.S. bird identification, and **MUST** have advanced skills in mist-netting, bird banding, and ageing and sexing of birds in the hand. Applicants will be expected to use Peter Pyle's Identification Guide to North American Birds, Part I, to identify plumages and molts of landbirds. Attention to detail, good physical condition, a tolerance of long days that begin before dawn, and the ability to endure sometimes difficult field conditions are required.

**In addition**, most of the sites require a short river crossing in an inflatable kayak to ferry supplies and reach the site. Kayaking or other boating skills and knowledge of safe operation of river craft are highly desired.

**COMPENSATION:** The Biologist will be considered seasonal IBP staff, and will receive payment of \$2,400 per month (before payroll taxes) and project-related travel mileage reimbursement (\$0.37/mile) if their own vehicle is utilized for project work, but no fringe benefits. Free housing will be 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 **Merced River MAPS Biologist** in the subject line.