



# The INSTITUTE for BIRD POPULATIONS

**POSITION AVAILABLE:** VOLUNTEER TECHNICIAN, MAPS PROGRAM, MARIPOSA, CA

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** OPEN UNTIL FILLED

We have **one** opening during spring/summer 2019 for a Volunteer Technician to help operate MAPS bird-banding stations in Mariposa County, CA

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

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Volunteer Technician will help 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 Volunteer Technician will be trained and supervised by an experienced Biologist. 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:** Some experience in mist-netting, bird banding, and ageing and sexing of birds in the hand is highly desired. 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:** This position is a volunteer position. Compensation includes the valuable skills you will develop, the satisfaction of joining important bird conservation efforts, and the joy of working with fun-loving people in a fantastically beautiful environment. Additionally, we will provide a per diem of \$43 (amounts to \$1,075 per month) to help with food and general living expenses, mileage reimbursement for project-related travel, and free shared housing.

## **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 Volunteer Technician** in the subject line.