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Willow Flycatcher Surveys in the Sierra Nevada, California

Spend your summer doing field work in the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains! We are looking for 3 volunteer field technicians to conduct surveys for Willow Flycatchers in mountain meadows.

PROJECT DATES (tentative): June 1 – Mid July, 2023

TRAINING: The field season will begin with a training period focusing on field safety project protocols for conducting Willow Flycatcher surveys, navigation and mapping, and conducting habitat assessments.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Primary duties will involve conducting targeted surveys for Willow Flycatchers at meadows with recent breeding history on National Forest lands. Some additional time will be spent documenting meadow conditions and mapping the boundaries of active territories. Some long drives and occasional car camping may be required.

REQUIREMENTS: Previous ecological fieldwork in rugged environments is preferred but not strictly required. Other requirements include a sense of humor, a love of adventure, a desire to learn more about Willow Flycatcher natural history and an appreciation for meadow and wetland landscapes. Survey work will occur primarily in the vicinity of Truckee, CA (just NW of Lake Tahoe). A willingness to face the rigors of fieldwork with good humor is important. These rigors include physically demanding work, long work days that may begin well before dawn, wet and cold weather, hot and dry weather, mosquitoes and biting flies, occasional encounters with bears, and housing that may be rustic and/or somewhat crowded. Although housing will be provided in a central location, travel to other study sites may require occasional camping. A personal vehicle is highly desirable but not strictly required.

SCHEDULE: Typically 7 days on and 3 off, with one 10-day period of consecutive survey days from June 15 to June 25 (no days off during that time), but before and after that time the schedule can be more flexible.

EQUIPMENT:

Volunteer technicians are expected to provide their own binoculars, hiking boots, knee high rubber boots and camping gear for car camping (tent, sleeping bag, raingear, etc.).

COMPENSATION: These are volunteer positions. Compensation includes the valuable skills you will develop, the satisfaction of joining important conservation efforts, and the joy of working with fun-loving people in the mountains. We will provide training, shared housing, and a per diem of \$52 (amounts to approximately \$1300 per month) to help with food and general living expenses. Mileage reimbursement will be provided for project-related travel in personal vehicles.

TO APPLY: Please email a resume, cover letter, and the names, phone numbers and email addresses of three references to Emma Cox, Biologist at: [ecox AT birdpop DOT org](mailto:ecox@birdpop.org). Both character and professional references are acceptable. Many times references are slow to reply, we will contact all submitted references and encourage submitting more references so that your application can be quickly processed.

IBP values diversity and encourages people from all backgrounds to apply. All qualified applicants will receive consideration regardless of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation.