

US Fish and Wildlife Service Internship Opportunity



- Location:** Eastern MA National Wildlife Refuge Complex
- Position Title:** Biological Field Assistant
- Duties:** About half of the assistant's time will be focused on amphibian and reptile projects, and wetland management including: (1) ongoing research and management for Blanding's turtles and northern red-bellied cooters which likely involves radio telemetry, trapping, nest searching and monitoring, and hatchling collection; (2) ongoing vernal pool monitoring, surveys, and research which includes egg mass counts and dip net surveys; (3) managing water levels in freshwater impoundments and monitoring/maintaining culverts at multiple sites.
- The other half of the assistant's time will be spent helping with: weekly waterbird surveys; vegetation surveys; mapping, monitoring, and controlling invasive plant species (especially water chestnut and American lotus); New England cottontail pellet collection surveys, acoustic bat surveys; interacting with the public; entering data; maintaining facilities; and conducting routine office work.
- Qualifications:** Requirements include: the ability to work with the public in a professional manner; the ability to work with minimal supervision and in a group; a valid driver's license; ability to hike long distances over rough terrain carrying 25 pounds; and enthusiasm. Past experience in radio telemetry, amphibian and reptile identification and monitoring, GPS and GIS use, and an academic background in wildlife or related fields are preferred.
- Salary:** Pay is on a sliding scale with a maximum rate of \$350/week depending on experience. Free dormitory style housing is also available.
- Employment Details:** The assistantship is for approximately 26-28 weeks with a start date in mid-March or early April. The position requires flexible hours with some early morning, late evening and weekend work.
- How to Apply:** Send interest letter, resume, and contact information for 3 references to:
Stephanie_Koch@fws.gov
- Application deadline is January 15. Hiring may begin before the closing date so applying earlier is strongly recommended.
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