

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Natural Resource Management Botany Intern

**Rachel Carson
National Wildlife Refuge**

Work with refuge staff on identifying and removing invasive plants and restoring shrubland habitats (80%): includes manual removal of invasive plants, surveying areas for new invasive plant occurrences, and propagating native plants in the refuge green house for New England cottontail restoration. Other occasional duties include: monitoring piping plover nesting activities, including dawn and dusk chick watches, assisting visitors in our contact station, conducting wildlife surveys, assisting with salt marsh research, delivering outreach programs to refuge visitors.

Must be able to work under varied climatic conditions, including hot and insect infested environments. Must possess valid driver's license. Required to work some weekends. Must be able to dig and pull plants.

Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge protects more than 5,600 acres of predominately coastal marsh in southern Maine. Refuge lands are rich in diverse habitats and wildlife. Annually, over 260,000 visitors participate in hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, environmental education, and interpretation.

Internships last 12-weeks (40 hr/week) beginning mid-May through September. Starting dates are negotiable.

College credit available. Arrange details with your university/college, and state your intention in your cover letter.

Salary/Housing:

\$150 per week living allowance provided. Communal, co-ed government housing may be available or intern may provide own housing within commuting distance of Wells, ME.

To Apply

Submit:

- (1) An updated résumé. All employers and references must include current telephone numbers.
- (2) Two references who can represent your academic and/or work experience.
- (3) Written statements addressing the five Qualifications and Requirements below.
- (4) Current college course transcript.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Address packet to:
Internship Coordinator
Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge
321 Port Road
Wells, Maine 04090.

Applications must be postmarked by
February 20, 2014

Qualifications and Requirements:

1. Knowledge of wildlife biology, ecology, botany/horticulture and environmental education through course work and/or experience.
2. Ability to speak to the public about wildlife conservation and management in formal and informal settings and the ability to communicate effectively in writing.
3. Ability to identify Maine plants, particularly non-native ones.
4. Ability to work both independently and as a member of a team.
5. A passion for wildlife conservation, a strong work ethic, and a good attitude.

For additional information:

call the Refuge Office at (207) 646-9226 or send an email to karrie_schwaab@fws.gov



New England cottontail by
Kelly Boland



Invasive yellow iris by
David Tibbetts