

Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge

Biological Technician GS-0404-5



Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) was established in 1980 to preserve one of the largest privately owned tracts of bottomland hardwoods remaining in the Mississippi Delta. The bottomland hardwood forest contains a diversity of plant and animal species. Over 400 species of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish can be found on the refuge. Today, the refuge consists of nearly 80,000 acres of bottomland hardwood forests and oxbow lakes. This type of habitat once covered 25 million acres of the Mississippi Alluvial Valley.

Today, the state's largest population of the Louisiana black bear lives throughout the refuge alongside healthy populations of white-tailed deer, American alligators, and other native wildlife species. The last sighting of the ivory-billed woodpecker, which is thought to be extinct by most scientists, occurred in the 1940's adjacent to what is now the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge.

The Refuge is seeking a temporary Biological Science Technician to assist with field activities. Activities the biotech will be assisting with include

- Water level monitoring of waterfowl impoundments;
- Waterfowl banding and neotropical bird mist netting;
- Working deer check stations, working/assisting to conduct special purpose hunts;
- Gathering and entering biological data into established tracking and reporting systems;
- Invasive species control/removal;
- The biological technician will also assist the Refuge Forester with forest management;
- Assist the Equipment Operator with maintenance projects including mowing, maintenance of equipment;
- Responding to visitor; and
- Other operational duties as assigned.

Minimal Requirements:

- Applicants must have their own transportation to and from the refuge;
- Have a valid Driver's License;
- Be able to perform field activities with minimal supervision;
- Wearing Service issued uniform in accordance with uniform policy;
- B.S. in Wildlife Biology (or equivalent degree) from an accredited College or University;
- Pass background investigation and pre-employment drug screening.

For more information, please contact Refuge Manager Christopher Cooley at (318) 574-2664 x 101 or by email at christopher_cooley@fws.gov.

Refuge Website: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Tensas_River/what_we_do/get_involved.html