



The INSTITUTE for BIRD POPULATIONS



Photo: Lauren Helton

Bird banding crew leader in Yosemite National Park, CA

Enjoy a full summer of banding a diverse set of songbirds and near-passerines in Yosemite National Park as the 2023 leader of The Institute for Bird Populations' Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS) bird banding crew!

PROJECT DATES: May 4 – August 8, 2023

RESPONSIBILITIES: The crew leader will supervise our 2023 MAPS bird banding crew, and with IBP staff, will co-train three volunteers for two weeks prior to the start of the season. Banding will occur at a network of seven mist-netting stations in Yosemite National Park, California. Work involves mist-net operation, bird handling, data collection, participation in public demonstration events at the banding station, and regular communication with a remote supervisor. Most field days begin before dawn and end in the early afternoon.

REQUIREMENTS: Successful applicants should have previous experience with the MAPS protocol, be proficient at western bird identification by sight and sound, and must have advanced skills in mist-netting, bird banding, and ageing and sexing of landbirds in the hand. Biologists will be expected to use Peter Pyle's Identification Guide to North

American Birds (Part I) to identify and teach plumages and molts of landbirds. Demonstrated leadership skills, public demonstration and outreach experience, attention to detail, good physical condition, a tolerance of long days that begin before dawn, and the ability to endure a variety of hot or cold, wet or dry field conditions are required. A reliable personal vehicle is a must (trucks/SUVs not required). This position is an excellent opportunity to gain experience leading field crews. Previous MAPS field technicians and crew leaders are especially encouraged to apply.

SCHEDULE: Typically 7 days on and 3 off.

EQUIPMENT: The biologist is expected to provide their own binoculars, hiking boots, rubber boots, and camping gear (tent, sleeping bag, raingear, etc.). A full equipment list will be provided before the start of the season.

COMPENSATION: The MAPS biologist will be living at a Yosemite campground with the volunteers. MAPS field biologists in this position are considered seasonal employees of IBP, and receive payment of \$3,200 per month and project-related mileage reimbursement, but no fringe benefits.

TO APPLY:

Email a resume, cover letter, and the names, phone numbers and email addresses of up to three references, all as a single attachment, to Lauren Helton, Biologist, at: lhelton [at] birdpop [dot] org. Please put **Yosemite MAPS crew leader** in the subject field.

Professional references are preferred, but one reference may be a character reference. Many times references are slow to reply, and we encourage submitting more references so that your application can be quickly processed.

Application deadline: Open until filled. Application review will begin as applications are received.

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.