



Assistant Waterbird Ecologist
Forbes Biological Station, Havana, Illinois
Illinois Natural History Survey (INHS), Prairie Research Institute (PRI),
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The Stephen A. Forbes Biological Station, established in 1894, is located along the Illinois River on Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge near Havana, Illinois. It is the oldest inland field station in North America and one of nine field stations of the Illinois Natural History Survey. The Frank C. Bellrose Waterfowl Research Center is housed at the Forbes Biological Station. Staff of the Bellrose Waterfowl Research Center conduct research on a variety of topics relevant to wetland ecosystems, with a specific focus on the ecology and management of wetlands, waterfowl, and other waterbirds. Our research efforts focus on the Illinois and Mississippi rivers and the wetlands throughout the State.

Location: Forbes Biological Station, Havana, Illinois

Job description: In cooperation with the Field Station Director, the successful candidate will conduct research and monitoring activities in the field of wetland bird (e.g., waterfowl, other waterbirds, shorebirds, passerines, etc.), wetlands ecology, or other related natural resource fields as needed to address the goals and objectives of the Prairie Research Institute, the Illinois Natural History Survey and the Forbes Biological Station.

Major Duties & Responsibilities will include: Independently complete complex research tasks as required by projects; conduct field work and laboratory work which may require extensive travel for long periods during atypical business hours; assist in preparing reports and publishable manuscripts, technical reports, internal publications or presentations for professional meetings; collect, manage, and analyze data; communicate and interact with recipients of services and provide technical assistance as required; demonstrate basic and specialized knowledge in a specialized research area and keep abreast of developments in the discipline; provide outreach and service to the public, the Survey, the DNR, the University of Illinois, and professional organizations as requested and approved by supervisors; coordinate, instruct, supervise, or train hourly staff and students; maintain high degree of scientific integrity and a positive attitude.

Qualifications: Required – Minimum: A Bachelors of Science degree in natural resource management, wildlife biology, ecology or related field with 1 year of experience in research relating to wetland birds. See job posting at the weblink below for further details.

Salary: \$32,000 - \$34,000/year commensurate with experience and education. This is a regular, academic professional, full-time grant supported 12-month position. The estimated starting date is October 1, 2016 (negotiable).

Benefits: Generous vacation and sick leave. State Universities Retirement System. Group health, dental, vision and life insurance.

To apply: Applications must be received by **11 September 2016**. To apply, all candidates must submit an online profile through <https://jobs.illinois.edu> by the close of the posting period. Qualified candidates must upload a letter of which details qualifications noted above, curriculum vitae, working e-mail address, and the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three professional references. All requested information must be submitted for your application to be considered. Incomplete information will not be reviewed. Applications may be reviewed prior to closing. For further information, please contact Angela Young, Human Resources, Illinois Natural History Survey, 217-333-6897, younga@illinois.edu. For technical questions, please contact: Dr. Heath Hagy, Search Committee Member, at hhagy@illinois.edu.

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