



# FIELD ASSISTANT NEEDED

## MAY 1 – AUGUST 31, 2019

The Beaverhill Bird Observatory is looking for a highly motivated individual to take on the duties of Assistant Biologist at our field station near Tofield, Alberta. This job involves assisting the Head Biologist to conduct songbird monitoring from May 1 through August 31, 2019. The position may be extended through the winter for public education and data analysis. This person will assist with the preparation of seasonal reports, enter data, give educational presentations and other public engagements, and other tasks to be determined. *The salary is \$2800 to \$3200/month commensurate with qualifications. In addition, there is a \$200 monthly stipend to cover travel to and from the bird observatory for the six field months. Bunk house accommodation for the field season is provided.*

The Beaverhill Bird Observatory has conducted research and education in Alberta since 1984. Our main areas of interest are monitoring songbird populations during the migration and breeding seasons through mist netting, banding, and daily bird census, banding Northern Saw-whet Owls during the fall migration, and public education at the field station and in classrooms.

The successful applicant should possess some of the following skills and experience:

- banding experience would be an asset
- bird identification skills, particularly birds of Alberta (by sound and sight)
- computer skills, in particular Excel and Word
- good writing skills for reports and weekly website updates
- must be comfortable living in rustic conditions (our site is situated at Beaverhill Lake in a Natural Area with solar power, propane and 'path' plumbing.
- good communication skills and the ability to speak to groups of visitors
- good interpersonal skills required; some experience with supervising staff is an asset
- safety certifications (First Aid/CPS, WHMIS, etc.) would be an asset
- ability to speak French would be an asset

### **What you need to do:**

Submit a cover letter that includes the following information:

- ◆ Describe why you want to study birds at BBO
- ◆ What you can contribute to the position, referencing your personal and professional experiences, including any bird handling experience
- ◆ Current program and year of study if you are a student
- ◆ Bird identification courses and when you took them

Submit a resume that includes the following information:

- ◆ Your name, phone number(s), address, and email address
- ◆ Relevant volunteer and work experience
- ◆ Contact information for two References
- ◆ Other pertinent information you think you should include



E-mail cover letters and resumes to Geoff Holroyd < [chair@beaverhillbirds.com](mailto:chair@beaverhillbirds.com) > Only potential candidates will be contacted for an interview.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2019 OR UNTIL A SUITABLE CANDIDATE IS HIRED**