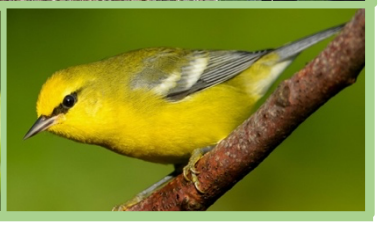
HIRING: NESTING BIRD & TICK FIELD TECHNICIAN

Location:
Vinton Co., Southeastern Ohio (near Athens, OH)

Work Week:
Variable (~40hrs) including weekdays + weekends

Dates:
~May 1 –July 15, 2023



Employer: The Ohio State University, School of Environment and Natural Resources

Description: We are seeking a seasonal field technician to survey and monitor forest bird nests as well as collect ticks from birds and the landscape in southeastern Ohio forests. The project is investigating the impacts of tick infestation on several Appalachian breeding birds including Wood Thrush and Ovenbird, as well as potentially other species including Blue-winged Warbler and Kentucky Warbler. Field work consists of nest searching, nest monitoring, nestling measurements/tick collection, adult banding/tick collection, tick collection from the environment, and also assisting with banding at a MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survival) bird banding station. Top applicants will have knowledge of sight, sound, and behavior of target bird species; ability to transverse steep terrain; a positive attitude; and an interest in learning new skills. The technician may also assist with data entry and equipment maintenance. Field work will be conducted in southeastern Ohio, based out of Vinton County. This position requires daily vehicle travel to various field sites that is provided.

Qualifications:

- Ability to identify eastern songbirds by sight and sound
- Flexibility + positive attitude in the face of changing conditions and schedules
- Willingness to work early mornings, long days, and weekends that could involve interactions with steep terrain, biting insects (particularly ticks), and hot temperatures.
- Other Skills: proper use of GPS/navigation, strong songbird observation skills, and field notetaking
- Ability to drive a state vehicle

Housing: Communal housing at Vinton Furnace State Experimental Forest
Approximate Pay: ~**$2,300 per month** ($14-15 per hour/40 hours a week)
Application Deadline: **JANUARY 31, 2023** (though reviewed as received!)

How to Apply: Please email a **cover letter** (including start and end dates, and how you're a good fit for the position), a **CV,** and **three references** (name, title, phone #, email address) to **Anna Rose at rose.1472@osu.edu**.
Please send all materials as one PDF with the subject "**Bird Tick Field Technician 2024.**"