

US Fish and Wildlife Service Internship Opportunity



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Location: Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge, Chatham, MA

Position Title: Plover Intern

Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) was established in 1944 to provide habitat for migratory birds and was designated a Wilderness Area in 1970, the only federally-designated Wilderness Area in Southern New England. Sand stretches for eight miles off the elbow of Cape Cod, forming the barrier islands of North and South Monomoy. The refuge provides important resting, nesting and feeding habitat for migratory birds, with more than ten species of seabirds, shorebirds, and waterbirds nesting on the islands. The refuge also supports one of the largest nesting colonies of common and roseate terns with over 14,000 nesting pairs and approximately 35 pairs of the federally protected piping plover.



Duties: Duties include but are not limited to: daily productivity monitoring of approximately ~35 pairs of piping plovers, monitoring nesting activities in several least tern colonies, monitoring American oystercatchers, posting nesting areas, predator management, data entry, and general maintenance.

Qualifications: Applicants must have the ability to perform the physical duties of the position including being able to hike long distances over soft sand (about 40 miles per work week) and being able to lift and carry up to 50 pounds. Applicants must be able to work with minimal supervision and be able to work with the public of all ages in a professional manner regarding sensitive conservation issues. Previous experience with piping plovers, field work in a field camp setting, data collection, bird identification, and an academic background in wildlife biology, zoology, environmental science or a related field are preferred.

Salary: Stipend will be \$400 per week and individuals will be hired through the [Northwoods Stewardship Center](#). The position includes free dorm style housing on the refuge when not in field camp.

Employment Details: Internship is 14 weeks and starts in mid-May. The position involves working long days, occasional nights and holidays. Schedules may exceed 40 hours per week and will vary frequently in the length of day and start time. Staff will live in one of two remote field camps on the island with other refuge staff for at least 5 days at a time. There is no heat, electricity, or running water in field camp, and limited facilities in a retired light keeper's house. Willingness to ride in motorboats in challenging marine conditions is required. A background check will be required to gain necessary building and computer access at the Refuge.

How to Apply: Send a letter of interest, resume, and contact information for at least 3 references (must include email and phone number for each reference listed) by email to: Eileen_McGourty@fws.gov. Please be clear about which position you are applying for.

Closing Date: February 1, 2020, however hiring may begin before the closing date, so applying earlier is strongly recommended.

