



BIOLOGIST ASSISTANT

Help Endangered Birds! The Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA) is now hiring seasonal, part-time field assistants to help manage Brown-headed Cowbird traps within areas of Riverside, San Bernardino, and Orange Counties. Brown-headed Cowbirds are brood parasites, meaning they do not build their own nests and lay their eggs in the nests of other species. In doing so, cowbirds can have an adverse effect on the reproductive success of native bird species. SAWA is especially interested in improving the nesting success of the Least Bell's Vireo, a Federal and State endangered bird that breeds in southern California. Trapping cowbirds during the breeding season is not only helping the Least Bell's Vireo population numbers increase, but most likely those of other native songbirds.

JOB DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

Assistants are assigned a route of 5-10 traps and visit each trap on the route on their assigned work days. Routes usually take 3-4 hours per afternoon. Assistants will learn about vireos, cowbirds, and other avian species and natural resources in the area.

- SAWA biologists will train assistants in general bird identification
- Flexible hours
- Work up to five afternoons a week (may include weekends), mid-March through the end of July 2023
- Must be able to collect accurate data
- Must own and operate a reliable car and provide proof of insurance
- Must have personal cell phone
- Must pass pre-employment background check and physical/ drug test
- All employees must follow SAWA's designated COVID-19 procedures

SALARY

\$17.00/hr. plus mileage reimbursed at the federal rate of \$0.655/mile

If you are interested in a rewarding position that offers field experience and flexible hours, please send your resume to Jennette El Morsy at jennette@sawatershed.org by February 10, 2023. If you would like additional information regarding duties of this position please contact Allyson Beckman at abeckman@sawatershed.org.