

Huron Stewardship Council

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Employment Opportunity! Species at Risk Technician

The Huron Stewardship Council (HSC) is looking to hire one technician who will assist with the implementation of two Species at Risk reptile monitoring projects in the Maitland River watershed. Additional duties may also include assisting with reptile education programs, coastal ecosystem monitoring, and some forestry-related work. This position offers an opportunity for hands-on work with at-risk reptiles that directly contributes to recovery efforts, and a diverse array of other opportunities for those interested more broadly in conservation. The duration of the contract will be for May 3rd to September 2nd at \$18/hour for 37.5 hours per week, with the possibility of extension. This position will report to the County Biologist/Stewardship Coordinator, and Species at Risk Field Coordinator.

Duties Include:

- Monitoring species-at-risk turtle and snake populations (including visual surveys, mark-recapture, & radio telemetry)
- Conducting periodic breeding bird surveys and vegetation surveys in coastal ecosystems
- Data entry, management, and analysis
- Supervising volunteers, conducting public education programs and outreach activities (if possible)
- Turtle egg and hatchling care (dependent on access to the facility due to COVID-19 concerns)
- Habitat restoration as opportunities arise, occasional work in County Forest tracts

Qualifications:

- Enrolled in or possessing a post-secondary education in ecology, wildlife conservation, biology, environmental science, or a related discipline
- Experience participating in wildlife research projects and handling reptiles; radio-telemetry experience, and ability to identify invasive species, birds, and plants considered assets.
- Strong interest in reptile conservation and comfortable handling snakes and other reptiles
- Detail-oriented, with the ability to follow protocols and stay organized
- Experience working as part of a team; experience managing volunteers and working with landowners or conservation partners an asset
- Physically fit with the ability to work outdoors in adverse conditions (rain, heat, biting insects)
- Strong organizational skills and experience with data collection, management, and analysis
- Advanced communication skills (written, oral)
- Self-motivated with demonstrated ability to work with minimal supervision, think critically, and troubleshoot problems
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint); experience using Access and ArcGIS an asset
- Ability to work on weekends and evenings, as necessary
- Valid class G licence; access to a vehicle considered an asset (all work-related mileage compensated)
- Valid First Aid and CPR Certifications

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to Marcus Maddalena, County Biologist/HSC Stewardship Coordinator, at staff@huronstewardship.ca

Applications must be received by 8:00pm EST, on April 10th.

We appreciate interest from all applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.