



Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment

<http://HEEForestStudy.org>

A long-term, large-scale experimental study of forest management and its impacts on plants and animals

Job Title: Interim Field Coordinator
Agency: Purdue University – Dept. of Forestry & Natural Resources
Closing Date: March 1, 2023
Start Date: ASAP
Duration: 6-9 months minimum
Compensation: \$17-20/hour, overtime eligible

The Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, is seeking applicants for an Interim Field Coordinator for the Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment, a large multidisciplinary research project examining the relationship of silvicultural practices to changes in plant and animal species within forests across Indiana.

Responsibilities:

The successful candidate will help coordinate activities of field crews, both of Purdue and of other collaborating institutions, that are quantifying responses of plant and animal populations to forest management treatments. This individual should be familiar with identification for birds, small mammals, and herpetofauna. He/she will also independently collect data on various plant and animal taxa throughout the year and periodically assist with implementation of vegetative treatments (e.g., prescribed fire). The incumbent will maintain all research equipment and facilities at project sites. This individual may also enter field data and assist giving field tours and extension presentations of the HEE project to local, state and regional audiences.

The position will be based at the HEE field sites near Bloomington, Indiana. The supervisor for the position is located on Purdue's main campus in West Lafayette, Indiana. Therefore, the position may require travel between campus and the field throughout the year, generally 1 trip per month. The individual will occasionally be expected to collect field data in adverse environmental conditions typical of southern Indiana.

Qualifications:

Required

- B.S. in biology, wildlife, forestry or natural resources
- One year of experience collecting field-based ecological data in adverse environmental conditions
- Ability to do aural/sight identification of Indiana birds, mammals, and/or terrestrial salamanders, and identify Indiana tree species and some herbaceous plants
- Strong organizational and time management skills
- Ability to work independently
- Valid driver's license with a good driving record

Preferred

- Experience with coordinating/leading sampling crews on a large research project or monitoring program

To apply, please send 1) a cover letter, including the names and contact information for three references, and 2) a resume or curriculum vitae to:

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The successful applicant(s) will be subjected to a comprehensive background check managed by Purdue University's Human Resources department. The final hire is contingent upon clearance of this background check.

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