



# Volunteer with the Santa Lucia Conservancy

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The Santa Lucia Conservancy, located in Carmel, California, is looking for 2 volunteers/interns to assist in wildlife conservation! Opportunity includes a variety of field work, flexible week day scheduling, and opportunity to work on the beautiful Santa Lucia Preserve.

## **Contribute to Conservation as a Wildlife Field Assistant**

The Santa Lucia Conservancy is conducting novel and essential habitat restoration activities and wildlife research in the Central Coast. As a small staff, we like to partner with invested and passionate volunteers to increase our reach at the landscape scale. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn new field techniques and research skills for wildlife ecology. Projects include but are not limited to: bird banding, wildlife telemetry tracking, wildlife camera data collection and management, mapping, vegetation sampling, and pond sampling.

## **Responsibilities and Duties**

- Assist in trapping and banding tricolored blackbirds during nesting season
- Monitor and track radio tagged birds around the Monterey Bay Area
- Assist in pond monitoring and aquatic sampling for amphibians
- Track wildlife activities and species richness through a network of motion activated wildlife cameras
- Manage large photo data sets from wildlife cameras
- Assist biologists with mapping projects (ArcGIS and Google Earth, opportunity for training)
- Assist in annual grasslands bird point counts and vegetation sampling
- Assist in pilot project monitoring bat acoustics
- Learn and assist with various applications and designs of field equipment as necessary

## **Qualifications**

- A personal vehicle and clean driving record are required. Experience driving 4 wheel drive vehicles on dirt roads desired.
- A positive attitude, willingness to learn, ability to follow instructions and work independently and on a team
- Comfortable interacting with a variety of stakeholders including biologists, other volunteers, landowners, and community members.
- Must be physically fit and capable of hiking and carrying equipment over varied and steep terrain in wilderness locations
- Experience with wildlife trapping, handling and telemetry desired, but not required
- Need to be comfortable with basic computer use for data entry in Microsoft Office programs
- Commitment of 8-16 hours a week, minimum commitment of 3 months. Scheduling is flexible.
- Activities for this position will be conducted primarily within an 18,000 acre nature preserve, with some opportunity for off-site bird monitoring in greater Monterey County.

## **Training**

Volunteers will be trained and supervised as needed for various tasks and projects. Once trained, volunteers may work alone or on small teams.

## **Posted March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014, applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

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The Santa Lucia Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit land trust incorporated in 1995 to conserve the ecological integrity of the protected lands within the Santa Lucia Preserve in Carmel, CA. We are dedicated to advancing the art and science of conservation-compatible development through adaptive land management, conservation easement stewardship, ecological research, and environmental education programs. 26700 Rancho San Carlos Rd., Carmel, California 93923