

## **BAT BIOLOGIST**

SWCA Environmental Consultants is seeking a Bat Biologist to report to either our Chicago, IL or Austin, TX office. This position will conduct surveys for bats and other wildlife, including acoustic studies, mist-netting and radio-telemetry studies, and mortality monitoring for a variety of projects in the central and eastern U.S. The successful candidate will conduct fieldwork as well as preparing survey reports and assisting with Endangered Species Act compliance coordination.

Both temporary seasonal or regular full-time employment status will be considered.

Extensive travel may be required during the summer months, as well as nighttime work. Lodging and travel expenses will be covered.

### **What you will accomplish:**

- Conduct surveys and collection of field data concerning bats, other wildlife, and other natural resources;
- Use topographic maps, aerial photographs, GPS units, and other maps and tools to determine exact locations of project areas, habitat types, and associated landforms;
- Drive 4WD vehicles in rugged terrain;
- May conduct biological data/literature searches and reviews;
- Conduct habitat assessments and site characterization studies;
- Prepare reports describing survey methodologies and results;
- Assist with Endangered Species Act compliance coordination.

### **Experience and qualifications for success:**

- Minimum of B.A. or B.S. in Biology, Ecology, Natural Resource Management, or a related field.
- Candidates must currently hold a Federal Fish and Wildlife Section 10(a)(1)(A) permit for listed bat species to include, at a minimum, Indiana bat, gray bat, and northern long-eared bat
- Preference will be given to candidates who hold a 10(a)(1)(A) permit for Ozark big-eared bats in addition to species listed above.
- Must have demonstrated field experience with bat species of the eastern and central U.S. and appropriate survey techniques.
- Must have current rabies vaccination
- Superb observation skills and the ability to record accurate field notes
- Ability to conduct fieldwork for long hours in inclement weather conditions. Ability to walk up to 10 miles per day, often in rugged terrain. May have to carry equipment and/or supplies, weighing up to 40 pounds. Nighttime field work required.
- Preference will be given to candidates with demonstrable skill sets and experience in addition to bat surveys; such as: wetland delineation, avian survey techniques, and botanical survey experience.
- Experience preparing scientific reports and environmental permitting documentation is preferred.

Interested candidates should apply directly to website at: [www.swca.com](http://www.swca.com) or contact Yvonne Schuelke at [yschuelke@swca.com](mailto:yschuelke@swca.com)

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