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Volunteer opportunity

Avian Monitoring

Division / Program

Science and Stewardship/Wildlife monitoring

Purpose

To survey avian indicator species to determine the quality and extent of their habitat, their relative abundance and the impact of Metro's restoration projects.

Responsibilities

- Visit pre-designated avian point count stations, count birds occurring near the stations and track results on data sheets.
- Develop and maintain site-specific species list
- Independent study of bird identification keys, songs and data sheets

Required knowledge, skills, and abilities

- Able to identify the majority of the local bird community by sight and song at an intermediate level. Expert in bird identification preferred. (On the job training provided depending on level of expertise. Resources are available to facilitate required independent study.)
- Self-directed and responsible with great follow-through on commitments.
- Methodical, organized, and able to follow strict data collection instructions.
- Must provide own transportation to assigned Metro Parks or Greenspaces sites.
- Undeterred by inclement weather, knee-deep water, thorns, or mud.
- Comfortable working alone or in teams in remote, isolated locations.
- Ability to walk on uneven surfaces or in wetlands without defined trails.

Time Commitment

- Minimum one year commitment.
- Breeding bird surveys are conducted three times over a six-week period (May-June), averaging three to five hours per visit. Visits are conducted between 5:30 and 10:00am.
- Monitors also visit sites monthly to work on site species list.

Receive Guidance and Direction From:

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