

Taylor Wildlife have a number of vacancies for seasonal short-term Field Assistants and a longer-term Ecologist position.

All positions involve carrying out bird, lepidoptera, mammal, peatland work and habitat surveys on sites in the Scottish uplands. Knowledge of different survey methods is useful but not essential, as full training will be given in navigation, health and safety, survey methods, data entry and QGIS. It is far more important that candidates have strong bird identification skills and a good level of physical fitness.

Some survey sites are remote and as such team accommodation is provided (although successful candidates are free to commute if they wish to do so).

Most start dates will fall between March and June, with contracts ending between mid-July and the end of August. The right candidate(s) may be offered an earlier start date and the opportunity for a contract extension through the winter season into 2023. As such, early applications are encouraged. We will begin reviewing applications on the 21<sup>st</sup> January, and continue accepting applications until all positions are filled.

### **Essential criteria**

- Strong bird ID skills are vital. Candidates must be able to identify most Scottish breeding birds in uplands, grassland, broadleaved woodland and coniferous woodland (including raptors) at a minimum. Knowledge of coastal species is desirable.
- A good level of physical fitness. Candidates must be able to cover 15 – 30 km over rough, boggy and/or steep terrain daily.
- A sound background in or enthusiasm for natural history, and familiarity with UK flora and fauna.
- Excellent attention to detail.

### **Desirable criteria**

- A full driving licence.
- 4x4 experience.
- Peatland restoration experience
- GIS experience (particularly QGIS).
- Experience with botanical surveys (e.g. Phase 1 habitat surveys).
- Knowledge of upland management techniques.
- Technical report writing experience.
- Practical experience of conservation/field survey work.
- Protected species licence(s).
- Project management experience.

Salary begins at £16,500 with shared accommodation provided, in addition to a performance based bonus system.

To apply, please complete the application form available at [www.taylorwildlife.co.uk](http://www.taylorwildlife.co.uk) for and return to [admin@taylorwildlife.co.uk](mailto:admin@taylorwildlife.co.uk). CVs will not be accepted.