



### ***Threatened Grassland Species Programme - Field Officer***

**Purpose of the Position:** The Endangered Wildlife Trust is one of the largest biodiversity conservation NGOs in southern Africa and is seeking to appoint a Field Officer to join its Threatened Grassland Species Programme (TGSP). This group is primarily responsible for addressing the interaction between wildlife landowners within the grassland biome in South Africa.

This post entails primarily assisting the EWT-TGSP Programme Manager and research students with implementing priority conservation activities focussing on priority flagship species within the region. This is a pressurized, deadline-driven working environment. The candidate will also be required to participate in other programme activities as and when required, including research, training, education & awareness and advocacy.

The preferred candidate will have a sound knowledge of birds and other wildlife, and a thorough understanding of ecological principles. Exemplary administrative, organisational, communication and writing skills are also required. A valid South African driver's licence is a prerequisite. The preferred candidate will be computer literate in the full MS Office suite. A second or more language/s is an advantage. The Field Officer will work within an established Programme and be a team player, reporting to the EWT TGSP Programme Manager.

This position is particularly aimed at individuals who are passionate about conservation and willing to work long hours with the express goal of conserving grasslands, grassland species and the associated ecosystem services they provide. This position is a contract position and will be based in Southern Mpumalanga or Northern Free State.

#### **Key responsibilities:**

Conservation work:

- Overall day to day management of the project; which include administrative tasks, fundraising and communications
- Co-ordinate and assist with the Oribi survey for Mpumalanga, including the compilation and capturing of Oribi numbers and relevant information into the database
- Assist with the running of three new projects focussing on Yellow-breasted Pipits, Sungazers and Golden Moles and their use as flagships for conserving habitat within the highland grasslands
- Co-ordinate a network of volunteers to monitor Blue Swallow nesting sites in Mpumalanga from September to April each year
- Assist provincial conservation authority with Stewardship programme including the identification of new sites, site assessments and related proclamation processes
- Engage in education and awareness activities for grassland biodiversity and species specific species conservation and ensure adequate supply of educational material where necessary
- Identify, participate and comment on development applications that could negatively impact on grasslands and threatened grassland species.
- Provide input into and assist with the development and implementation of species plans nationally and internationally for priority threatened grassland species, focussing on Sungazers
- Give presentations or posters at relevant meetings, functions, workshops and conferences as and when required
- Support the line managers in developing and collating funding proposals for the projects
- Produce regular popular articles on the TGSP projects and outputs

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**Candidate profile:**

- Energetic, dynamic and self-motivated.
- Motivated by the challenge of working within multi-disciplinary teams and also able to work independently.
- A desire to learn and grow as an individual.
- Interest in environmental issues.
- Fluent in both written and spoken English and Afrikaans.
- Must be able and willing to travel and spend time away from home.
- Must have own reliable car to travel.

Applicants are to submit a comprehensive CV which includes full contact details for referees, as well as a motivation as to how they see their role in this post.

Applications are to be emailed, posted and or delivered to the contact details below by the closing date of **Friday, 23 August 2013 at 16h00.**

Contact details: Endangered Wildlife Trust  
Attention: Human Resources and Office Manager  
Postal: Private Bag X 11, Modderfontein, 1645 or  
Physical: Building K2, Pinelands Office Park, Modderfontein, 1609  
Email: [alisonj@ewt.org.za](mailto:alisonj@ewt.org.za)  
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Candidates are expected to be available for interviews on a date and time as determined by The Endangered Wildlife Trust. If no response has been received within 21 days of the closing date, candidates may consider their applications are unsuccessful.

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