



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 with implementing priority conservation activities focussing on priority flagship species within the region.

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.

Reporting line: Threatened Grasslands Species Programme (TGSP) Managers

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.
- 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.

Qualifications and requirements

- Bsc Honours or equivalent
- Relevant field experience of 1 year or more
- Exemplary administrative skills, organisational, communication and writing skills are required
- Valid South African driver's licence is a prerequisite
- Computer literate in the full MS Office suite
- Second or more language/s is an advantage
- Sound knowledge of birds and other wildlife
- Understanding of ecological

Key responsibilities:

Conservation work:

- Co-ordinate and assist with the Oribi survey, including the compilation and capturing of Oribi numbers and relevant information into the database
- Assist with the work of projects focussing on Yellow-breasted Pipits, Sungazers and Golden Moles and their use as flagships for conserving habitat within the highland grasslands
- Work with a network of volunteers to monitor Blue Swallow nesting sites in Mpumalanga
- Assist provincial conservation authority with a Stewardship programme including the identification of new sites, site assessments and related proclamation processes

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- 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
- Provide input into the developing and collating funding proposals for the projects
- Provide input into regular popular articles on the TGSP projects and outputs

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
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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 14 days of the closing date, candidates may consider their applications are unsuccessful.

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