



## **Regional Conservation Manager: Mpumalanga and Free State BirdLife South Africa's Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas Programme**

**BirdLife South Africa** (BLSA), based in Johannesburg, South Africa, is one of the largest, most active, non-governmental conservation organisations in South Africa.

**BirdLife South Africa** is the South African Partner of BirdLife International, which operates through partners in over 100 countries and territories worldwide. The BirdLife Partnership forms the leading and internationally-acclaimed authority on the status of birds, their habitats, and the issues and problems affecting birds. BirdLife South Africa has special links with the partners in Africa, and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds in the UK.

**BirdLife South Africa** is looking for a dynamic person for the Regional Conservation Manager position in the Free State and Mpumalanga. The period of employment is initially one year with the possibility to extend employment dependant on securing further funding.

The preferred candidate will:

- have completed an appropriate university degree, or equivalent, in natural sciences or natural resource management.
- have a working knowledge of the conservation issues and threatened bird species occurring in the Grassland Biome.
- have a working knowledge of grassland ecology.
- have exemplary administrative abilities and organisational skills.
- have knowledge of and experience in using the range of Microsoft Office software.
- be fluent in written and spoken Afrikaans and English.

In addition, the ideal candidate will

- be self-motivated, hardworking, willing to travel when required and able to work independently with minimum supervision
- have good writing and communication skills
- have administrative and financial management experience and inter-personal skills at all levels
- have a valid code B motor vehicle driving licence.

The successful candidate will report to the Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas Programme Manager at BirdLife South Africa.

The position will be based at a place to be determined in either Mpumalanga or the Free State.

BLSA offers a salary which is commensurate with the position and responsibilities.

Successful applicants will be required to attend interviews.

Details of BLSA can be obtained from [www.birdlife.org.za](http://www.birdlife.org.za) or by requesting the information from the address below.

Applicants are to submit a comprehensive CV with at least three contactable referees, as well as a motivation as to how they would see their role in this post. All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Candidates who have not been contacted within 14 days of the closing date must please assume that their applications were not successful. Correspondence will be limited to short-listed candidates.

BLSA reserves the right not to make an appointment.

BLSA is an equal opportunity employer.

Closing date: 11 April 2014.

To apply please e-mail your CV and motivation to [iba@birdlife.org.za](mailto:iba@birdlife.org.za)

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