

BIRD SURVEY TECHNICIAN needed to conduct forest bird research in Connecticut. Technician will conduct forest bird surveys (point counts, etc.) in forest fragments throughout Connecticut, and should expect challenging conditions with daily pre-dawn starts, heat/humidity, biting insects, ticks, poison ivy, etc. The ideal candidate will (1) be able to identify New England forest birds by sight and sound, (2) have previous experience conducting point count surveys, (3) be familiar with GPS and map navigation, (4) be self-motivated and physically fit, (5) have a positive attitude, (6) work well with minimal supervision, both independently and as part of a team, and (7) be capable of conducting data entry efficiently and carefully.

Bird surveys will be conducted as part of a large project investigating the impacts of fragmentation on ecological networks in temperate forest ecosystems in the northeastern United States. The study seeks to develop a mechanistic understanding of fragmentation-induced shifts in the structure of ecological networks involving herbivorous caterpillars, and their host-plants, parasitoids, and predators. Technician may be required to help with other aspects of the larger study, as time allows.

Salary ranges from **\$420-\$480 per week**, depending on experience. Technician must provide their own vehicle, but all mileage will be reimbursed at the standard rate set by the state of Connecticut. Position is for approximately two months beginning approx. **10th May 2017** (exact dates are somewhat negotiable).

To apply, please send a cover letter and CV with contact information (email and phone) for three references to Chris Elphick, chris.elphick@uconn.edu. Please include "FOREST BIRD TECH" in the email subject line and include your last name at the start of the name of any submitted documents (e.g., Elphick_CV.pdf). **Review of applications will begin immediately.**