



## Coastal Birds/Shorebird Intern

### Southern Maine

This is a seasonal position at Maine Audubon. Maine Audubon works to conserve Maine's wildlife and wildlife habitat by engaging people in education, conservation, and action.

#### **Position Overview**

Project interns assist with monitoring and managing endangered Piping Plovers and Least Terns and other shorebirds on beaches in southern Maine under the supervision of the Seasonal Biologists and Outreach Coordinator. This is a unique opportunity to learn about endangered species conservation, improve your field skills, and conduct outreach with a variety of audiences.

#### **Project Overview**

The Coastal Birds Project is designed to recover these endangered species, reduce disturbance of migratory shorebirds, and protect beach/dune/estuary systems. The positions will be supervised by a Maine Audubon wildlife biologist, but work as part of a larger collaborative effort that includes the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands, USDA Wildlife Services, numerous municipalities, hundreds of private landowners, and dozens of volunteer plover monitors.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

Locating nests, erecting fencing, tracking nest success and fledglings, monitoring predation, and conducting public outreach programs. Interns will develop skills in field biology, public outreach and education, and working as part of an endangered species recovery team.

#### **Qualifications**

The successful applicant will:

- have experience working with birds
- have excellent observation skills
- be a diplomatic communicator
- be an enthusiastic educator willing and able to engage the public
- be able to walk extensively on soft substrates (sand beaches)
- be able to lift and carry heavy equipment of 50 pounds or more
- have the ability and willingness to work outdoors on beaches in all weather conditions

#### **Details:**

Position is for approximately 10 weeks during May, June and July. Internship is a volunteer position, though we will offer a small stipend to help offset expenses.

**How to Apply:**

Email cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references to [hyoung@maineaudubon.org](mailto:hyoung@maineaudubon.org) with **PPLT Intern** in the subject line.

**Status:**

Applications reviewed starting February 10.