

WildResearch seeks bird Banding Assistants for Spring and Fall Migration Monitoring

WildResearch is seeking banding assistant interns to assist with the 2025 Spring (April 15 – May 31) and Fall (Aug 24 - Oct 4) Migration Monitoring Program at Iona Island Bird Observatory (IIBO), stationed near Vancouver British Columbia Canada. To learn more about WildResearch and its mission: www.wildresearch.ca.

Responsibilities: The site has 14 nets that open a half hour before sunrise for 6 hours each day. Under the direction of the IIBO Program Manager, and the Bander in charge, the Banding Assistant will be responsible for assisting with:

- bird banding/mist-netting
- daily station setup and closure, and maintenance
- visual monitoring of birds being handled at IIBO by volunteers
- data entry and QAQC
- preparing weekly IIBO summary reports for inclusion in WildResearch media and newsletters
- training station volunteers
- point count surveys and daily estimated totals
- public banding demonstrations for school groups and other visiting guests
- interacting and representing WildResearch with the general public at IIBO
- fostering a positive and welcoming learning environment for all

Qualifications: Some mist-net extraction and bird banding experience, and data entry skills are required. The IIBO program aim is to train volunteers through hands on bird banding opportunities. The successful candidate must therefore work well with others and show enthusiasm and patience for training volunteers. Must demonstrate skill in identifying North American birds by sight and sound. Familiarity with IIBO and WildResearch's mission is an asset.

Terms: This is a position within a team of other banders and assistants, and schedule will depend on candidate availability and the availability of other team members. The station is open every morning, seven days a week for six weeks in the spring, and six weeks in the fall. The pay rate is \$155.00 per day, and does not include transportation or housing. Average length of day is 7.5 hours in the field; however, this may vary with weather and bird capture rates. This position is ideal for anyone interested in increasing his or her banding experience.

How to apply: Please send a brief cover letter, CV, and two references (one must be banding related) in one file, to iibo@wildresearch.ca and info@wildresearch.ca, subject line "IIBO Banding Assistant Position" by March 15, 2025 for spring, and July 31, 2025

for fall. Please specify your previous banding experience and availability for one or both seasons in your cover letter.