

Ecological Field Crew

Full and part time contracts available,
\$25 - \$30 per hour based on experience and qualifications

Do you have a passion for the outdoors and preserving our natural heritage in Aotearoa?

Do you want to work on an exciting conservation project that supports native species like the pekapeka/long-tailed bat?

Forest and Bird have full and part time, limited duration positions available to assist with pest plant management, predator control and monitoring, and revegetation in and around the Pelorus Bridge Scenic Reserve. This work forms part of the Te Hoiere Bat Recovery project, primarily funded through the Department of Conservation's Jobs for Nature programme. Field work will include herbicide application, using manual and powered cutting tools, checking and baiting trap lines, predator monitoring, track maintenance, native species planting and plant maintenance. Equipment and appropriate training will be provided.

You will be part of a small, close-knit, and passionate team, driving toward habitat improvement gains that will support recovering pekapeka populations in the catchment. As our understanding and knowledge of bat population dynamics grow, so our support response needs to be adapted. So, highly organised people with the ability to think on their feet and the flexibility to adapt to changing situations is who we need on the team.

We are looking for passionate people who have:

- A great work ethic, willing to just get "stuck-in".
- A high level of physical fitness and tenacity, as we will be working in sometimes difficult terrain, in all sorts of weather conditions.
- A passion for the outdoors, native plants, ecology and wildlife.
- A positive and proactive attitude towards Health and Safety.
- Outstanding team member qualities – with well-developed collaborative working skills.
- The ability to follow instructions and are great at reporting back.

In addition, the following will be highly valued:

- A full, clean NZ Drivers Licence.
- Own vehicle, or ability to get to a rendezvous point each day.
- Experience with 4WD and trailers.
- GrowSafe and First Aid certified.
- Chainsaw and scrubcutter experience.
- Experience with using GPS and outdoor apps.
- Well developed native and pest plant id skills.

If this role excites you, send us your details!

Please email a current CV and cover letter telling us why you're the person we're looking for to recruitment@forestandbird.org.nz. Positions will remain open for the duration of the project until filled. All applications will be acknowledged. If you have any questions about the role, contact Mandy Noffke on m.noffke@forestandbird.org.nz or 027 376 3888.

Please note: We will only shortlist candidates who have a current legal right to work in New Zealand and are fully vaccinated for Covid-19 (this includes being up to date with Covid-19 vaccine boosters).

