



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Animal Care - Birds

Why do we need you?

At WWT we create and conserve wetlands and save species. We bring awe-inspiring nature up close and let it do the talking. Our aviculture team is responsible for the care, breeding and welfare of WWT's collection birds and the rearing of the young. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join the Aviculture team. This is a great opportunity to work directly with the birds and gain valuable experience in animal keeping and conservation.

Who will be responsible for your role?

Aviculture Warden

Where will you be based?

WWT Castle Espie

How much time will it take?

We are looking for volunteers that can do 1-2 days a week.

What will you be doing?

- Assisting with the day-to-day management of waterfowl exhibits including exhibit maintenance and practical working.
- Assisting the Aviculture team with animal management including feeding, health checks and species audits.
- Assisting with the rearing of young birds and the breeding programme.
- Assisting with tours of the duckery and Living Collections.

Who are we looking for?

Previous experience of animal husbandry is desirable but not essential. We are looking for enthusiastic people who are keen to learn and are able to work as part of a team or on their own.

In order to carry out this role, you will need:

- Interest in gaining experience in animal keeping and conservation
- Ability to work independently or as part of a team
- Good communication skills
- Driving licence would be an advantage
- To be practical and physically able.
- You must be 18 years or over to carry-out this role.

How will you benefit?

- This is an excellent opportunity to gain practical experience with our Aviculture team. You will learn the skills and techniques they have developed through many years of rearing wildfowl, and will be involved in internationally and locally important conservation breeding programmes.
 - You will be provided with a suitable uniform for regular volunteering.
 - A discount is available in the café and shop on the days of volunteering.
 - Free entry to all WWT wetland centres throughout the UK on presentation of your WWT name badge.
 - Appropriate training will be provided.
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General notes:

The exact hours you are able to contribute will be discussed prior to placement.

A current driving licence is desirable for the role and due to the lack of public transport to the centre you will need to be able to arrange access to the centre for yourself. We regret that we are not in a position to reimburse expenses incurred for travel to the site. Any pre-agreed out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the course of the role will be reimbursed.

This position is entirely voluntary and therefore unpaid. Any offer of a volunteer placement is not intended to create a legally binding contract between us and any agreement may be cancelled at any time at the discretion of either party. Neither of us intends any employment relationship to be created either now or at any time in the future.

How to Apply:

Apply online by clicking the 'Apply Now' link.

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