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Scottish Lowland Research Student Placement 2019/2020

Background

The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust is an independent wildlife conservation charity. Its 60 scientists carry out research into game, associated species and habitats, from its HQ at Fordingbridge, Hampshire and at outstations throughout the country. The Trust's main areas of interest encompass farmland, moorland, woodland and river management for game and other wildlife.

The Placement

We undertake research in southern Scotland focusing on Grey Partridge, their management and conservation, and how this benefits a range of farmland wildlife. Much of this is part of a large EU Interreg funded project spanning northern Europe. All of the research is applied and based on a programme of data collection in the field.

We have an opening for two placements on this project. We work on a number of widely dispersed sites across Fife and the Lothians, and occasionally further north into Perthshire and Angus, where we are establishing new Grey Partridge study sites. The work is nearly all field based and includes hare surveys, a variety of Grey Partridge surveys at different times of year, radio-tracking, general farmland bird surveys and various invertebrate monitoring.

The placements would be based in southern Scotland with accommodation provided and bills covered.

We could accommodate the students for up to a year if required, or shorter periods as necessary. The successful candidate would be involved mostly with field work but also some data handling and analysis. Overall you should be able to expand your experience in ecological experimental design, database construction and data analysis, field work techniques including wildlife surveys, maybe using GPS and GIS. We would endeavour to match your interests to the project as far as possible. There may be the opportunity to work on more than one project within the Scottish Lowland Research department, or between departments within The GWCT as a whole.

We require a confident and able student with an interest in ecology and in working outdoors for a placement in 2019/20. Some data handling and analysis skills might be useful as would bird ID or other field skills. To apply please send a cv and letter explaining why you are interested in the placement and arrange to have your tutor send a reference to the contact below by the 7th January 2019. Interviews will be held in January/February 2019.

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