

PhD Assistantship in Wildlife Ecology

A 4-yr PhD assistantship in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University is available to investigate the effects of livestock grazing on abundance and reproduction of grassland passerines. This avian ecology project is part of a collaborative (OSU and The Nature Conservancy) research program funded by USDA – NRI to conduct a large-scale experimental investigation of grassland food web responses to livestock stocking rates. The successful candidate will be part of a team of scientists representing the disciplines of Animal Science, Entomology, Plant Ecology and Wildlife Ecology.

The prospective student should have a M.S. degree in Wildlife Biology, Ecology or related discipline. S(he) should also have background and strong interest in avian population ecology. Experience working on multi-disciplinary grassland projects is desirable as are excellent quantitative skills and publication experience.

The assistantship will be available May 1, 2006. Coursework will be completed at OSU in Corvallis and research will be conducted at The Nature Conservancy's Zumwalt Prairie Preserve; (<http://nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/oregon/preserves/art6813.htm>). After coursework is completed the student will work at Union Experiment Station in Union, OR (location of Dr. Patricia Kennedy – PhD advisor; <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/eoarcunion/>). Assistantships include a 12-month stipend (\$1650/mos), tuition, and health insurance. See <http://fw.oregonstate.edu/Graduate%20Study/index.htm> and <http://oregonstate.edu/admissions/index.html> for admission requirements. Send (email preferred) a cover letter summarizing your background, relevant experience, motivation and interests, a resume, transcripts, GRE scores and contact information for three references to: Patricia L. Kennedy, Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center, Union Experiment Station, P.O. Box E, Union, OR 97883, pat.kennedy@oregonstate.edu. Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is obtained.