



Bat Biologist Career Opportunity

Do you thrive in the pursuit of ensuring excellence in environmental consulting services for your clients? SWCA Environmental Consultants is expanding their team and looking for dynamic individuals who are following their passion in delivering the highest-quality project work. SWCA Environmental Consultants is seeking a Bat Biologist to report to either our Pittsburgh or Chicago office. This position will assist with conducting surveys for bats and other wildlife, including acoustic studies, mist-

netting and radio-telemetry studies, and mortality monitoring, for a variety of projects in the central and eastern U.S. Successful applicants will conduct fieldwork as well as preparing survey reports and assisting with Endangered Species Act compliance coordination. This is a full-time, salaried position with a minimum of 40 hours per week. Extensive travel may be required during the summer months, as well as nighttime work. Lodging and travel expenses will be covered.

What you will accomplish

- Conduct surveys and collection of field data concerning bats, other wildlife, and other natural resources
- Use topographic maps, aerial photographs, GPS units, and other maps and tools to determine exact locations of project areas, habitat types, and associated landforms
- Drive 4WD vehicles in rugged terrain
- May conduct biological data/literature searches and reviews
- Conduct habitat assessments and site characterization studies
- Prepare reports describing survey methodologies and results
- Assist with Endangered Species Act compliance coordination

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Experience and qualifications for success

- Minimum of B.A. or B.S. in Biology, Ecology, Natural Resource Management, or a related field
- Candidates must currently hold a Federal Fish and Wildlife Section 10(a)(1)(A) permit for listed bat species (e.g., Indiana bat, gray bat, big-eared bats, etc.)
- Must have demonstrated field experience with bat species of the eastern and central U.S. and appropriate survey techniques
- Previous experience with Indiana bats preferred
- Must have current rabies vaccination
- Superb observation skills and the ability to record accurate field notes
- Ability to conduct fieldwork for long hours in inclement weather conditions. Ability to walk up to 10 miles per day, often in rugged terrain. May have to carry equipment and/or supplies, weighing up to 40 pounds. Nighttime field work required.
- Experience preparing scientific reports and environmental permitting documentation is preferred.
- Preference will be given to candidates with demonstrable skill sets and experience in addition to bat surveys (e.g., wetland delineation, avian survey techniques, and botanical survey experience).