

Conservation Assistant

The Couchiching Conservancy is a recognized member of the Ontario Land Trust Alliance and is a non-profit, non-government organization operating since 1993. During that time The Conservancy has protected over 10,000 acres of environmentally significant lands in the Couchiching Region.

Reporting relationship: The Conservation Assistant will report directly to the Stewardship Coordinator.

This summer position is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable work experience that will help with the development of a career in the environmental field. Candidates must be either coming from school or returning to school in the fall.

Demonstrated knowledge in the following

- Post secondary education in environmental science, wildlife ecology, environmental planning or related field of study,
- Demonstrated environmental knowledge and understanding of ecological principles, including ecological management, and planning,
- Excellent plant identification skills, familiarity with field monitoring techniques,
- Familiarity with local forest, grassland and wetland communities and species,
- Ability to identify species at risk and non-native, invasive species,
- Ability to conduct early morning avian monitoring program for species at risk;
- Experience with Ecological Land Classification,
- Excellent time management, communication and interpersonal skills,
- Ability to work independently and to take initiative on projects,
- Ability to work outdoors and in adverse conditions, ability to work occasional evenings and weekends,
- Must have a valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle.

Responsibilities

- Collection of biological field data for baseline documentation reports and annual monitoring reports,
- Implement activities based on property management plans, including invasive species management, trail maintenance, species monitoring,
- Under supervision, assist in the management of nature reserves,
- Compilation of data, development and implementation of property management plans,
- Assist the delivery of programs and projects for multiple species at risk and other ecological values on conservation lands,
- Assist with management and development of control plans for invasive species,
- Assist with the collection and analysis of field data on bird populations, species at risk and vegetation assessments,
- Manage and expand the current database for landowners associated with reserve properties,
- Promote and raise awareness of Conservancy activities and practices and delivering public education at events, provide staff support for special events,
- Address other stewardship issues as required.

Salary range \$11.00 based on qualifications

LOCATION: Grant's Woods Conservation Centre 1485 Division Road West, Orillia

DURATION: Summer position 2-3 positions available

During the interview, successful applicants will be required to complete a test on species identification.

Email application to: steward **at** couchconservancy.ca

Please indicate **Conservation Assistant** in the subject field. Failure to do so may result in your application not being received.

Mail: PO Box 704 Orillia Ontario, L3V 6K7

Address letters c/o Kyra Howes

Application deadline: February 17th, 2012