



Intern Vacancy

Title of the Position: Intern – Drylands Conservation Programme Riverine Rabbit Internship

Purpose of the Position:

The Endangered Wildlife Trust is one of the largest biodiversity conservation NGOs in southern Africa and is offering an internship position which will expose the candidate to experience working in the conservation sector and will allow them to learn important skills for furthering a career in conservation. This position will be responsible for providing assistance and support for core conservation work within the programme, including activities such as administrative support, operational conservation support, fieldwork assistance with rehabilitation and species research, and a wide variety of other interesting and challenging tasks. **This position will be based in Loxton in the Karoo.**

Key Responsibilities and Duties

- Assisting with seed germinability and viability research at the Indigenous Karoo Plant Nursery, particularly the record keeping aspect and microscope methodology.
- Assisting with Karoo riparian rehabilitation fieldwork, including fairly strenuous physical work during rehabilitation, planting Karoo shrubs and seeds, harvesting seeds, and watering plants.
- Assisting with Riverine Rabbit demographic fieldwork during species monitoring, including aiding with remote camera trap surveys, data processing and updating the RR camera trap dataset.
- Assisting with the digitization and mapping of biodiversity features on Riverine Rabbit Conservancies.
- Updating the desktop literature surveys of rehabilitation and stewardship research every 6 months.
- Assisting with Programme related monitoring and data capturing, statistical analyses and report-writing.
- Research communications, including developing a farmer's newsletter and Karoo Nursery communications, and assisting with the development and design of the popular Riverine Rabbit newsletter.
- Attending workshops and meetings and assisting in reporting on work-related activities.
- Develop a long-term awareness programme with the JJ Booysen Primary School in Loxton (year plan for Assembly presentation and Grade specific portfolios).
- Ongoing work with the Grade 4 environmental awareness programme. Finalise the draft portfolio, including lesson plans, module content and materials lists. Drafting additional portfolios for Grades 2, 6 and 7.
- Administrative duties associated with the above.

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Candidate profile:

- Energetic, dynamic and self-motivated
- Adaptable and prepared to travel and work in remote locations, with limited amenities for extended periods of time
- Physically fit and capable of undertaking strenuous fieldwork in tough conditions
- Passionate about conservation and engaging with a wide range of stakeholders
- Looking for a rewarding cross-cutting role that delivers high impacts for the conservation of threatened species and ecosystems
- Willing to take initiative to learn and implement novel approaches and tools
- Motivated by the challenge of working with multi-disciplinary teams
- High degree of self-motivation and pro-activity, good administrative skills and good organisation skills
- Willingness to live in Loxton

Qualification: Minimum B.Sc. in ecology, zoology or environmental sciences (or equivalent is a requirement)

Competencies required:

- Good research and data collection skills
- Good communication skills, including public speaking
- Strong people skills and approachable manner
- Ability to collaborate with key partners and network effectively
- Valid SA driver's license, and suitable driving experience
- Good, demonstrable working knowledge of Excel, Powerpoint and Word (GIS ability is a distinct advantage)
- Good writing skills (may be requested to provide evidence)
- Multilingual , excellent Afrikaans language skills - speak read, write (Setswana an advantage)

This is a contract position for a period of one year and will be based from the Loxton – Northern Cape - Karoo. The Endangered Wildlife Trust is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants who have not been contacted within 14 days of the closing date must please assume that their applications were not successful. The EWT reserves the right not to make an appointment. All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence. **Closing date: 17h00 on 11th March 2016.** To apply please e-mail your CV and cover letter to the vacancies@ewt.org.za before the closing date. Alternatively, applications can be posted to: Endangered Wildlife Trust, Private Bag X11, Modderfontein, 1645 or faxed to +27 (11) 608 4682.

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