



Coordinating Wildlife Biologist Verdigris-Bazile BUL

This position held by the Northern Prairies Land Trust in conjunction with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Salary: Starting at \$22.95/hr plus retirement benefits

Application Deadline: October 12, 2018

Earliest Start Date: October 22, 2018; this is a grant funded position that has secure funding for 3 years with strong potential for extension.

Employer: This position is with Northern Prairies Land Trust (www.northernprairies.org) and jointly supervised by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (www.outdoornebraska.org).

Description:

This position will be a full-time (40 hrs/wk) employee of Northern Prairies Land Trust (NPLT) under joint supervision with Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC). The position will implement actions identified in the Nebraska Natural Legacy Plan (NNLP) (www.ngpc.state.ne.us/wildlife/programs/legacy/) primarily on private lands in the Verdigris-Bazile Biologically Unique Landscape in northeast Nebraska.

The position requires an individual who is self motivated and can work with limited supervision. However, the position also offers the opportunity to develop a conservation program along a number of different lines according to the interests of the employee. The core element of the position is designing and implementing ecologically and economically sustainable habitat conservation projects with landowners for the benefit of rare species. This is a grant funded position and NPLT and NGPC have a proven record for fundraising and extending similar positions. Salary begins at \$3,978/month plus retirement benefits. The position does not include employer sponsored health insurance.

Northern Prairies Land Trust is a private non-profit general service land trust operating in Nebraska and South Dakota. The mission of the trust is to assist conservation-minded private landowners who are interested in better managing and protecting their property for future generations.

Responsibilities:

- A) Design, implement and maintain enhancement and restoration projects on prairies, eastern deciduous and western coniferous woodlands, wetlands, and other habitat

associated with at-risk species on private lands. Projects will include the development and implementation of prescribed burns, burn-driven grazing management systems, high-diversity prairie restoration, tree and shrub clearing, and invasive plant control.

- B) Monitor and inventory at-risk wildlife and plant species and aid cooperating landowners in monitoring project success.
- C) Provide support for outreach, education, and research efforts throughout northeast and north central Nebraska.
- D) Work closely with NGPC federal aid coordinators to ensure record keeping, permitting, and grant objective compliance.
- E) Attend local and regional meetings associated with the NGPC, NPLT, and the NNLP.

Required Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills:

- A) Sound working knowledge of grassland and woodland ecology and species identification in the Midwest.
- B) Sound working knowledge of prescribed fire and grazing as management tools.
- C) Ability to communicate clearly and effectively with rural landowners and other conservation partners.
- D) Possess sound working knowledge of private lands conservation programs, provisions of the Endangered Species Act, and State Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategies.
- E) Excellent writing and presentation skills.
- F) Ability to work independently without immediate supervision and as part of a team.
- G) Working knowledge of GIS tools and Microsoft Office software.

Required Education and Experience:

A bachelor's degree in wildlife biology, plant ecology, range management, or closely related natural resources field is required (M.S. preferred). Prior experience with private lands conservation or land management is required. Training and experience with prescribed fire planning and implementation, ArcGIS 9 software, and grant writing is preferred.

To Apply:

Email a resume and cover letter to Scott Wessel (scott.wessel@nebraska.gov) or Kent Pfeiffer (kent.pfeiffer@nebraska.gov). Position is open until filled.

