

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Temporary Wildlife Bureau Position – 2023 – 780 Hours**

**Position title:** Wildlife Research and Management Assistant

**Location:** Grand River Wildlife Unit Headquarters, Kellerton, IA

**Length of Service:** Start between March 15 and April 1, 2023 and work until 780 hours have been completed

**Maximum Hours:** 40 hours/week

**Salary:** \$14.25/Hour

**Primary Duties/Description:**

The Iowa DNR Wildlife Diversity Program is seeking a full-time temporary technician to perform surveys for the Northern Prairie Skink and Regal Fritillary Butterfly and to assist with land management activities for these and other species in the Grand River Grasslands of Iowa. Duties will include but not be limited to:

- Deploy and monitor coverboards for Northern Prairie Skinks
- Perform a mark recapture and distance sampling project on Regal Fritillaries to determine population size
- Perform general wildlife management activities including: Prairie management, prescribed fire, native prairie seeding, edge feathering, tree/brush removal, spraying, disking, mowing, etc. using large farm machinery, chainsaws, and other hand tools.
- Other wildlife surveys and monitoring including: deer spotlight routes, chronic wasting disease sampling, spring bird point counts.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- **Detail-oriented and organized.**
- Degree in wildlife biology or related field
- Knowledge of wildlife ecology (particularly wildlife classified as “non-game”) and scientific data collection techniques.
- Self-motivated and able to work independently.
- Experience working with reptiles and/or butterflies a plus
- Experience handling wildlife, especially reptiles and butterflies
- Experience with data entry.
- Able and willing to work long hours in the outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Ability to hike over uneven terrain.
- Able to lift and carry at least 60 lbs.
- Experience operating and maintaining habitat management equipment, such as chainsaw, tractor, lawn mower a plus.
- Willing and able to work a flexible schedule including overnight travel and some early mornings and late nights.
- Valid Driver’s License and ability to operate a motor vehicle.

The successful applicant will be working in one of the premier grassland landscapes in Iowa and the first-in-the-nation Grassland Bird Conservation Area. It is home to a high diversity of grassland wildlife. This position is a unique opportunity to work in both wildlife research and land management!

**Deadline for Application:** February 1, 2023 by 5 PM.

**To apply:** To receive full consideration, you must send cover letter, resume, contact information (name, title, phone, address, and email) of three references, and copies of transcripts (may be unofficial copies) to: Stephanie Shepherd, Wildlife Diversity Biologist, [stephanie.shepherd@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:stephanie.shepherd@dnr.iowa.gov). Questions can be directed to Stephanie at 515-230-6599.