

Dates: 4 June through 20 July 2012, with 6 weeks of field work followed by 1 week of office work at Vermont Center for Ecostudies

Application Deadline: 29 February 2012, but applications will be considered as they are received

Compensation: \$1000 stipend

FIELD INTERN needed for a monitoring program of high-elevation songbirds in the Northeastern U.S. Mountain Birdwatch is a citizen-science monitoring program targeting montane breeders, including the Bicknell's Thrush. Volunteers will adopt most of our 130 survey routes in the U.S., and the intern will work with a technician to conduct point counts along routes that volunteers do not adopt. All routes are trail or road-based and access to most routes involves strenuous hikes or 4WD driving on remote logging roads. Successful applicants will be eager to spend long summer days in the beautiful mountain regions of Maine and New Hampshire with occasional visits to the Adirondacks of New York or the Green Mountains of Vermont. The intern must be comfortable backpacking and camping in pairs in remote locations and must have some familiarity using GPS, compass, and topographic maps to navigate. All applicants **MUST** have previous experience with backpacking (for example, hiked the AT or PCT) and should have their own backpacking equipment and binoculars. Familiarity with New England birds is preferred, but training will be provided. Mosquitoes and black flies are prevalent at this time of year. High-elevation weather is highly variable and can be near freezing at night and in the 80s during the day; thunderstorms and muddy trail conditions are inevitable. Applicants must be flexible to changes in daily/weekly schedules due to weather. Intern will receive a \$1000 stipend.

To apply, email letter of interest, resumé, and contact information for three references to Judith Scarl (jscarl AT vtecostudies.org) AND mail a hard copy of these documents to Judith Scarl, Mountain Birdwatch Program Manager, Vermont Center for Ecostudies, PO Box 420, Norwich, VT 05055. Please explicitly document previous camping and backpacking experience (duration of trip, terrain, average number of miles hiked per day) in your resumé. For more information about the Mountain Birdwatch program, please visit <http://www.vtecostudies.org/MBW/>.