

1. **Job Title:** [Field Assistant/botanist](#)

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**Job Type:** full-time temporary position

**Opportunity location:** Channel Islands, CA

**Closing date (if specified):** 20 Jan 2012

**Opportunity Description:**

FIELD ASSISTANT needed for a habitat restoration/botany program on San Clemente Island, a Naval installation on the southern-most of California's Channel Islands. Duties include native plant seed collection and propagation, greenhouse management, installation and monitoring of outplanting sites, mechanical and chemical weed control, grassland restoration, endangered/endemic plant monitoring, GIS mapping and maintenance of databases. Focus is placed on restoration of sensitive habitats, native grassland restoration, erosion control and rare plant mapping. All work will be conducted on San Clemente Island, which is owned and operated by the U.S. Navy as a test and evaluation site, shore bombardment range, and warfare training grounds.

Position requirements: Candidates must have a biology related Bachelors degree and/or significant relevant experience, be highly motivated, have a valid driver's license, and ability to drive 4-wheel-drive-vehicles. This position requires extensive physical labor to conduct management activities, including hand weeding, backpack herbicide application, and hauling heavy, awkward materials and equipment to restoration sites, many of which are on slopes exceeding 30 degrees. Applicants must be in excellent physical condition, be sure-footed, safe, and prepared to hike and work off trail in steep, rocky, cactus-covered terrain. Candidates should have experience with the safe operation of various hand and power tools and be knowledgeable of GPS equipment. Preference will be given to those with experience in California botany, greenhouse management, habitat restoration and/or off-trail orienteering. There are several other research groups on island as well as active military commands and civilian Navy employees, so applicants should enjoy living as part of a small community and be able to maintain a professional, positive attitude at all times.

Compensations: Salary will be \$12.00/hour. Room and board will be provided while working on San Clemente Island, but no off-island housing and no benefits are provided. Work schedule will be 10 days on-island and 4 days off-island. Transportation to and from the island is provided by means of a twin engine 20-seater plane. Position starts with a 3-month probation period and will last one year with the possibility of extension. Start date is January 20, 2012.

To apply, compile your cover letter, resume and contact information for 3 professional references in one .pdf document and email to:

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