

SCOTT MELVIN MEMORIAL FELLOW/Coastal Waterbird Field Assistant I

May to mid-August 2018

Position based at: Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary, Barnstable MA (covering field sites in Nantucket, Cape Cod, Boston, and North Shore),

Mass Audubon is seeking to fill a seasonal Field Assistant I/Scott Melvin Fellow to conduct research, monitoring, and protection of coastal birds and other natural resources. For more information, visit www.massaudubon.org/cwp. Scott Melvin, former Senior Zoologist with the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) was an internationally recognized leader in Piping Plover and coastal waterbird conservation. With funding from the [Scott Melvin Memorial Fund](#), we are pleased to announce the Scott Melvin Memorial Fellowship, a paid career development opportunity for summer 2018. By rotating through assignments at both [MassWildlife](#)'s and [MassAudubon](#)'s Coastal Waterbird Programs, the Melvin Fellow will gain experience in applied coastal waterbird conservation in both the state government and non-governmental organization settings.

Full-time position available from May through mid-August.

Responsibilities include:

- Assist MassWildlife with site visits and regulatory implementation of the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act on coastal beaches
- Assist with Roseate and Common Tern management and monitoring in Buzzards Bay
- Work on a special project related to coastal waterbird conservation to be determined (past projects have included assessing human disturbance at least tern colonies, developing landowner outreach materials)
- Collect biological data on nesting, foraging and migrating species of coastal waterbirds including abundance and distribution of target species;
- Accomplish the wildlife protection and education objectives of the Coastal Waterbird Program;
- Assist with sanctuary-based coastal waterbird work throughout the region;
- Assist in abundance, productivity and behavioral data entry in to online databases; create GIS/Google Earth maps of coastal resources;
- Assist in compilation of data for state plover, tern, and oystercatcher census forms and write summary reports for specific sites on results and management activities.
- Other tasks as directed.

Qualifications:

- Applicants should be working toward a B.S. or B.A. in biology, environmental science or related field, or equivalent experience;
- Prior experience in avian field research and management preferred;
- Applicants must have strong interpersonal skills;

- Must be able to work long hours outside in all weather conditions and be able to lift and carry up to 40lbs across varied and sandy terrain.
- Must be willing to work weekends, holidays, and irregular hours (dependent upon wildlife and weather);
- Must have access to a vehicle for daily driving between sites;
- Must pass a background records check (CORI, SORI and driver's).

Benefits: Rate of payment is \$11.00-\$12.00/hour depending on experience. Housing may be available for payroll deduction of \$25-35/wk. Field travel reimbursement will be provided.

To apply for this position:

Please send a cover letter (specify position for which you are applying and dates of availability), resume and list of three references via email to coastalbirdjobs@massaudubon.org.

Additional Comments:

In addition to submitting your resume, cover letter and references, please complete a short cover page questionnaire at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/coastalbirdjobs>; your application will not be processed without completion/receipt of the items above. Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as interviews will begin in February, and the position will be filled by Mar 1, 2018.