



Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy

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POSITION AVAILABLE

The Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy (LRWC) seeks an energetic **Assistant Aviculturist** to assist with the day-to-day care and maintenance of our world class aviaries under the direction of the Director of Aviculture.

About the Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy: LRWC is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the conservation and protection of waterfowl and wetland habitats. LRWC houses over 60 waterfowl species on 16 acres that include large open ponds, aviaries, and indoor breeding and rearing facilities. LRWC programs integrate research, conservation action, and educational outreach at the local, national, and international levels.

Position Title: **Assistant Aviculturist**

Qualifications

- Excellent organizational skills and ability to work well with others.
- Proficiency with word processing, spreadsheets, and database management
- High levels of initiative and a desire to excel
- College degree in environmental science, biology or similar
- Prior experience in bird husbandry and propagation, waterfowl experience preferred
- Strong work ethic

Responsibilities

Under the supervision of the Director of Aviculture:

Avian Care

- Diet selection and feeding
- Medicating birds as needed

Avian propagation

- Design and maintenance of nesting structures
- Egg management (collection, candling and incubation)
- Breeding bird management (housing, pairing, monitoring)
- Pinioning, banding, sexing of offspring

Aviary maintenance

- Routine cleaning
- Landscaping and removal of debris/snow from summer/winter storms
- Daily inspection of predator controls
- Building, aviary and equipment upkeep
- Aviary design



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Aviary administration

- Maintain aviculture records (studbooks, breeder database and bird records)
- Ordering of food and supplies
- Supervision of volunteers and interns
- Assistance in compliance reporting in line with federal and state permit requirements
- Participation in studbook programs and collaborative breeding projects

Salary: This is a full-time position. The total compensation for this position has an estimated value of \$50,000 including housing and utilities.

Application: Qualified candidates should send a letter of inquiry, resume, and names and addresses of at least three references to: Ms. Cate Hogan, Director, LRWC, P. O. Box 210, Litchfield, CT 06759. Electronic applications are encouraged and may be submitted to chogan@lrwc.net. A background check will be performed on final candidates. A certificate of health is also required.

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