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**Education**

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries Science – Wildlife option

Cumulative GPA: 3.09

Dean’s List: Spring 2010, Fall 2010

**Work Experience**

**Waterfowl Field Technician** February 2013–April 2013

**•**Count ducks and perform behavioral observations

•Take wetland core samples

•Set up sites and spread corn on treatment plots

**Assistant Bander** August 2012– November 2012

Kiawah Island, SC

•Set up mist nets and remove birds daily

•Band, sex, age, measure, and weigh all birds

•Color band painted buntings

•Helped educate volunteers about banding and migratory birds

**MAPS Banding Intern** May 2012–August 2012

Crane, IN

•Banded, sexed, measured wing chord, skull, age, pulled R3 and R6 and weighed all birds that flew into the net

•Recorded all birds seen or heard in the area

•Cleared net lanes, set-up nets every banding day, repaired any torn nets

•Aided Smithsonian in a wood thrush study

–Performed bill and tarsus measurements as well as taking wing chord and weight

–Put color bands on or recorded colors if already banded

–Collected nail clippings, R3, breast feathers, and a P1 clipping

**Biological Intern** January 2012–April 2012

Merritt Island NWR Titusville,FL

•Used herbicides in both hand and truck sprayers to control invasive plants

•Participated in beach mouse and water bird surveys

•Prepared Florida scrub jays for banding and monitored family groups by recording color band

Combinations

•Used GPS to map invasive grass species

**Lead Foraging Observations Birder** August 2011– October 2011

Bronx, NY and Bedford, NY

•Observed foraging behavior and identified birds in each foraging plot

•Identified plants at all observation sites

•In charge of foraging observation volunteers

**Bluebird Monitoring Internship and Data Entry** May 2010 – December 2010

May 2011– August 2011

State College, PA

**•**Monitored nest boxes for presence of bluebirds and checked if birds were banded

**•**Assessed survival rate and nest success of bluebirds through analysis of data

**•**Entered data from CREP bird study

**•**Kept detailed notes on nests, bluebirds, and band colors

**Data Entry** February 2011 – May 2011

State College, PA

• Entered data from a survey of PA private forest landowners into an interview database

•Entered bird species and numbers seen in CREP point counts in Pennsylvania

**Volunteer Experience**

**Ecology Tutor**

•Developed lesson plans and study guides to aid students in learning material

•Led group study sessions and answered questions

**Centre Wildlife Care**

**•**Helped care for animals, cleaned cages, fed and handled birds

**Relevant Skills**

**Computer**

•Proficient in use of Microsoft Office programs and Minitab