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EXTERNAL JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Title/Position: Wildlife Biologist 2/00099781

Location: Forsyth, Georgia

Job Responsibilities: The Wildlife Biologist 2 will work with a team of Botanists in the Wildlife Conservation Section to conduct inventory and monitoring of Georgia's priority rare plant species and natural communities. Responsibilities include design and implementation of surveys for priority rare plants, development and management of rare plant information archives and databases, and status assessment and conservation planning for plant species identified in Georgia's State Wildlife Action Plan. Effective written and verbal communication will be required for coordinating safeguarding efforts with the Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance, receiving and managing rare plant and natural community data and providing reports and consultation on rare plant conservation issues to agency partners. The Wildlife Biologist 2 will also assist the Botany team with outreach and technical support to landowners, individuals, and conservation partners; with review of projects that may impact rare plants and habitats; and with land management planning for conservation of rare plants and habitats. They will participate in rare plant habitat restoration using prescribed fire and invasive species management. Strong plant taxonomy and workplace organizational skills will be required to meet the demand for information on Georgia's diverse rare plants and habitats. This position will be based at the Rum Creek office of the Wildlife Conservation Section, but extensive field work and travel will be required.

Minimum Qualifications: Master of Science Degree in Wildlife Management, Wildlife Biology, Wildlife Science or a related field from an accredited college or university.

Preferred Qualifications: Preference will be given to applicants with:

1. Demonstrated plant taxonomy skills and familiarity with the flora and habitats of the Southeastern U.S.
2. Experience with surveys and monitoring for rare plants and natural communities.
3. Coursework or experience in principals of plant conservation ecology, including conservation genetics, pollination ecology, population ecology, and disturbance ecology.
4. Demonstrated ability to manage large amounts of data, including Natural Heritage inventory, photo, and geo-referenced data, using GIS software and relational databases.
5. Experience and training with rare plant and habitat conservation techniques including prescribed fire, herbicide application, and plant safeguarding.
6. Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with colleagues and partners to complete projects on time.
7. Proficiency in plant community and population monitoring protocol design and familiarity with statistical analyses and software.

Salary: \$43,063/year plus benefits

Note: Please direct questions about this position to [Lisa Kruse](mailto:Lisa.Kruse@dnr.ga.gov) at Lisa.Kruse@dnr.ga.gov or 706-557-3219

Application: Download an application for employment at <https://gadnr.org/careers/> and submit the completed application to the e-mail address highlighted below. Alternatively, a completed paper copy can be mailed to the following address:

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Application Deadline: Extended to **December 6, 2019**