

The Collaborative Action for the Natura Network (CANN) project is a consortium of public bodies, third-level institutions, charities and local government authorities from Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland led by Newry, Mourne & Down District Council (NMDDC).

This project will deliver direct conservation actions across Special Areas of Conservation to contribute towards the programme output of 4,500 ha of habitats supported in order to improve conservation status.

The project will produce conservation action plans for across priority habitats: including alkaline fens, blanket bog, active raised bog, hard oligo-mesotrophic waters (marl lakes), calcareous fens, and transition mires/quaking bogs.

The project will also produce site-specific species action plans for the INTERREG VA priority species including white-clawed crayfish, hen harrier, breeding waders (curlew, redshank, snipe, golden plover) and red grouse.

**This project has been supported by the EU's INTERREG VA Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body. As part of this project the Golden Eagle Trust is undertaking a range of tasks within various work packages in particular to provide monitoring expertise and upland management. This requires the recruitment of a field assistant to support these tasks. This is an exciting opportunity for someone to work across a range of sites and jurisdictions and variety of species.**

<b><u>Job Description:</u></b>	FIELD ASSISTANT
<b>Job title:</b>	Golden Eagle Trust FIELD ASSISTANT
<b>Location of job:</b>	Various field locations in Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland and Scotland
<b>Post holder reports to:</b>	Team Leader, Project Ecologist
<b>Reporting to post holder:</b>	Volunteers
<b>Duration of post:</b>	April 2017 – October 2021
<b>Salary:</b>	€38,000 pa

**Overall purpose of the job:**

- To assist with and undertake monitoring of a range of bird and mammal species at several project sites but mostly in Co. Monaghan, Co. Tyrone & Co. Fermanagh at Boleybrack & Sliabh Beagh areas.
- To contribute to the delivery of project monitoring and data collection as part of a project known as the Collaborative Action for the Natura Network (CANN) programme which is funded by EU INTERREG VA.

**Main duties:**

1. To undertake a range of vantage point, point count and transect surveys focussing on key bird (in particular hen harrier and waders) and mammal species (in particular corvids and large carnivore) monitoring at project sites.
2. To record data on standardised hard copy field sheets and input/digitise data to spreadsheets and/or databases as required for project monitoring.
3. To liaise with and assist site managers, where necessary, in the conduct of project actions including wildfire management, nest protection, grazing management, invasive species control and procurement of biological samples (e.g. faecal samples).
4. To assist in the preparation of newsletters, technical reports and maps relating to the publication of updates, data, methods and aims of the programme and the relevant outputs.
5. Attend team meetings and workshops as part of the programme of works as required to increase awareness of programme activities and implementation.

**Other duties:**

- To report to and liaise regularly with line management and undertake the role in an environmentally friendly and conscientious manner.
- To follow relevant health and safety protocols and directions as provided by the team leader, project ecologist and site co-ordinator as necessary.

**Essential criteria**

- A third level qualification, degree and/or equivalent experience in biology, ecology, environmental science or other relevant discipline.
- Good knowledge and identification skills by sound and sight of both upland and lowland bird species found in Northern Ireland / Republic of Ireland (and Scotland).
- Good knowledge and identification skills by sight, sound and indirect evidence of upland and lowland mammal species.

**Desirable criteria**

- Understanding or issues related to conservation of upland and lowland species and practices.

- Knowledge of raptors, waders and associated survey methods.
- Track record in undertaking of surveys and/or management of survey volunteers
- Management of data and electronic file management (including data security)
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills particularly useful if have experience of dealing with landowners and stakeholders.
- Good organisational and personal time management skills
- Ability to work as part of a team but with sufficient motivation and communication skills to work on own initiative for much of the time
- High level of written and spoken English and usage of computer software in particular Microsoft Word and Excel.
- Awareness of mapping software and processes as well as use of maps and GPS units.
- Ability to travel without the use of public transport
- Flexibility to carry out some evening /weekend work where necessary

**Application process:**

Deadline for application 10/05/2017

Please see [www.goldeneagle.ie](http://www.goldeneagle.ie) for copy of job advert and application forms

Please contact [marcruddock@goldeneagle.ie](mailto:marcruddock@goldeneagle.ie) for application form and for further details or questions

Send completed application form and CV to [marcruddock@goldeneagle.ie](mailto:marcruddock@goldeneagle.ie) by 10/05/2017

Shortlisting be conducted by the 13/05/2017

Interviews will be conducted around the 15/05/2017