

TECH ANNOUNCEMENT - 2010 FIELD SEASON

FIELD TECHNICIANS (3-4) needed for ongoing wading bird research in the Florida Everglades. One - 2 positions extend from early Jan through late May 2010; 1 - 2 extend from early Feb through late Jun 2010. Salary is \$1450/month plus housing. Primary duties (~70%) include assisting the Research Coordinator and two graduate students in all aspects of field research including ground surveys by airboat, aerial surveys by fixed-wing aircraft, collection of feathers from nestlings, and monitoring (on foot) species diversity and nesting success of various wading bird species in multiple colonies throughout the Everglades. Field teams and tasks will vary almost daily. Non-field duties include equipment maintenance, analysis of aerial photos, and data entry. Technicians must maintain a positive attitude, give priority to safety considerations, be in excellent physical condition in order to contend with difficult working conditions (heat, sun, humidity, stuck boats, wet mucky soils, gators), work and live harmoniously in close company with coworkers, and show patience with short-notice schedule changes. A valid driver's license and good driving record are required. Successful candidates will likely have at least 6 months prior field research or management experience. Training is provided, but some preference will be shown for those having experience piloting powerboats, towing and backing trailers, flying in small planes, or using GIS. Application materials must be received by Nov 13. Specify if you prefer to start in Jan or Feb. Send cover letter (including the names, email addresses and phone numbers of 3 references) and resume in an e-mail attachment or by mail to: JOHN SIMON (jcsimon AT ufl.edu), University of Florida, Dept. of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, PO Box 110430, Gainesville, FL 32611-0430.