

Position: Pollinator Biologist – Wild Population Monitoring

Wildlife Preservation Canada is seeking one Biologist to assist the Pollinator Project Leader with survey efforts and monitoring of wild populations of the Rusty-patched Bumblebee in southern Ontario. The Rusty-patched Bumblebee is federally and provincially endangered with only one currently known Canadian population (Pinery Provincial Park). In order to help bring this species back from the brink of extinction, extant populations must be located and monitored. This position offers a unique opportunity to work with an endangered species and directly contribute to recovery efforts.

Responsibilities:

- Road-side and on-site (with prior permission) surveys to locate Rusty-patched Bumblebee populations throughout its Canadian range of southern Ontario and extreme southwestern Quebec
- Wild population monitoring (nest searching, behavioural monitoring, collection of ecological requirement data)
- Landowner communication and outreach
- Data management and monthly reports
- Additional tasks as required

Qualifications:

Applicants should have prior experience with field monitoring/surveying, insect identification in the field and have completed an undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline (or possess equivalent knowledge/experience). Qualified candidates must also be able to navigate in the field using a map, compass, and GPS, work independently, be willing to work long hours. Applicants should be physically fit, able to endure working in variable weather conditions with exposure to biting insects and working as part of a small team. Some camping may be required. A valid driver's license is required and the applicant should be based in Toronto.

The successful candidate must have good interpersonal skills and the ability to maintain positive relationships with private landowners and park officials.

Position runs from early June through late September, 2012. This is a full-time position requiring long hours and a flexible schedule to cover project needs; salary for this position is \$2400/mo. Some opportunities for contract extension and/or positions the following field season may be available. To apply please send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references to: Sheila Colla, Project Leader (Email: scolla@yorku.ca) or Wildlife Preservation Canada, RR#5 5420 Highway 6 North, Guelph, Ontario N1H 6J2. Email applications preferred. **Please submit your application as a single PDF or MS word file and include the email subject heading "Pollinator Biologist Application"**. Please apply ASAP as the position will be filled as soon as a suitable candidate is found. All applicants must be legally eligible to work in Canada.