



Two volunteer shorebird fieldwork opportunities in Arctic Russia during 2020

Description:

Within the international project ÉLVONAL Shorebird Science we are investigating in detail sex roles evolution in shorebirds at various locations. Here, we are searching for motivated researchers to work as field assistants with our teams in the high Arctic from 1st June to 20th July 2020. The first assistant will be based at the Tobseda research station in Western Russia (North of Naryan-Mar), the location for the second assistant is currently under negotiation, spanning options from Kola peninsula to Chukotka. Fieldwork consists mostly of detailed observations of courting pairs and families with chicks as well as nest searching and monitoring. For details see the fieldwork protocol (Székely and Kubelka 2019):

<https://elvonalshorebirds.com/documents/>.

Skills requested:

Ideal candidates will have fieldwork experience with breeding shorebirds or at least birds, a good health condition and are willing to work in remote field areas within international team. Experience with bird ringing and expeditions in Russia or knowledge of Russian language is beneficial but not essential.

Training offered and benefits:

Resighting of colour-ringed/banded birds with binoculars and scope, detailed standardized behavioural observations of pairs and families, nest searching, floating eggs, trapping ground nesting birds, ringing/banding birds with metal and colour rings, taking blood samples. ÉLVONAL project will cover research costs and accommodation during the fieldwork for the chosen candidate. Contribution to travel cost is possible, but depending on the travel route and the distance.

Interested candidates should contact Vojtěch Kubelka (kubelkav@gmail.com) with applications that include max one page motivation letter and max three pages CV highlighting relevant experience and referees. Documents in English should be sent to Vojtěch Kubelka before **deadline: 15 March 2020**.

