

Expenses paid **field assistant position** to study social evolution in Siberian Jays in Swedish Lapland For the upcoming field season (1 September- 30 October 2015) we are looking for a highly motivated field assistant to join our field project investigating social evolution in Siberian jays (*Perisoreus infaustus*) (main responsible Michael Griesser, University of Zurich, Switzerland). The study population is located near Arvidsjaur, Swedish Lapland. Our current project investigates the influence of habitat quality on social decisions. The work of the field volunteers will be to help in field experiments, behavioural observations, following radio-tagged birds, and data management. This work will give insight into exciting experimental fieldwork and will be carried out partly in managed forests and partly in scenic pristine boreal habitats. We will work 5-7 days per week in the field depending on the workload of the experiments. Observe that temperatures in October can be as low as -10C. Qualifications: (1) BSc/MSc in Biology, Ecology or similar qualification (2) Previous field experience (3) Ability to work in small teams and sociable personality (4) Previous experience of social observations of animals (5) Driving license (6) Fluent in English We will cover for the accommodation, travel expenses from and to the study site (in total up to 400 Euros) as well as the living expenses. Applications - including a CV, a letter of motivation (1 page) and the name of two referees - should be send to Michael Griesser:

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Applications received until 10th August 2015 will be given full

consideration.

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