

Job Title: Spotted Turtle Technician
Job Type: Full-Time Seasonal
Supervisor: Director of the Longleaf Savannas Initiative
Location: Telfair County, GA
Salary: \$2,300/month
Closing Date: **Open until filled with rolling interviews**
Expected Start Date: February 18, 2019



Background: The Orianne Society is a nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to the global conservation of reptiles and amphibians and their associated habitats. The Longleaf Savannas Initiative is focused on conserving rare and declining species that live in or around longleaf pine ecosystems.

Job Description: The Orianne Society is looking to hire one seasonal technician to assist with Spotted Turtle (*Clemmys guttata*) surveys across southern Georgia and northern Florida. We are looking for an individual who is enthusiastic about the conservation of reptiles and amphibians and ready to work independently to accomplish the organization's goals. The position will require working long days in a variety of weather conditions (heat, rain, wind) and occasionally work may take place at night or on the weekend. The applicant must be physically fit, capable of carrying heavy traps, and be able to walk several miles in high heat. Surveys will be conducted in a variety of freshwater swamps, marshes, and temporary ponds. The applicant must be comfortable working independently in shallow freshwater environments that often contain venomous snakes, biting or stinging insects, and generally harsh conditions.

Housing will be provided on the Orianne Indigo Snake Preserve. Applicants will be expected to drive their own vehicles and pay for lodging/meals while traveling for work. All approved expenses will be reimbursed. The position is expected to start on February 18, 2019 and end on May 31, 2019.

Responsibilities: The Spotted Turtle Technician will work with The Orianne Society staff, other seasonal technicians, and occasionally volunteers to fulfill a variety of duties associated with conducting a state-wide inventory of Spotted Turtles in Georgia and Florida. Specifically, including but not limited to:

- Implementing trapping for Spotted Turtles at various sites across the two states
- Performing wading surveys for Spotted Turtles at various sites across the two states
- Recording data associated with these surveys, including using a handheld GPS and filling out datasheets
- Processing captured Spotted Turtles (measuring, weighing, marking, etc.)
- Building and repairing traps
- Writing articles or posts for online content
- Entering and proofing data
- Using appropriate discretion regarding sensitive location data

Qualifications:

Required Qualifications

Previous natural resource field experience, valid driver's license; excellent organization and communication skills; demonstrated ability to work independently and collaboratively; successful applicants will be adaptable, detail-oriented, enthusiastic, comfortable working alone in shallow, swampy freshwater habitats, walking long distances in high heat, comfortable working at night, comfortable working in areas with venomous snakes and biting insects, and able to work harmoniously with others.

Preferred Qualifications

B.S. in Wildlife Sciences or a related field; previous experience working in the field with reptiles and amphibians, especially freshwater turtles. Experience identifying reptiles and amphibians in the southeastern United States. Experience trapping for amphibians and reptiles, handling captured animals, using a handheld GPS (including downloading data to a computer), data entry, and operating a 4-wheel-drive vehicle.

Applications: All candidates must submit a cover letter and resume with three professional references as **one** document, electronically to hhandler@oriantesociety.org. Include Spotted Turtle Technician Application in the subject line. Applications will be reviewed as they are received and the positions will be filled with rolling interviews. No calls, please.