

Volunteer field assistant needed

Host-parasite co-evolution in birds; Berthelot's pipit in the Macaronesian Islands

At UEA we are undertaking an evolutionary ecology based project investigating the role of parasites in maintaining genetic diversity in birds across the Canary, Selvagens and Madeiran archipelagos.



A keen, hardworking and enthusiastic field assistant is required for an excellent opportunity to carry out fieldwork in the Macaronesian islands for 2-3 months from approximately the 5th of January 2009. The person will assist a PhD student with catching and ringing of birds across a number of these beautiful islands. This project will focus largely on the Berthelot's pipit but other birds will also be caught and screened. Experience in bird ringing and general fieldwork is preferable, as is a driving licence. The ability to speak Spanish would be a bonus. Flight and accommodation costs will be covered.

Please contact L.Spurgin@uea.ac.uk for any informal enquiries

Applications (letter of motivation, name and email addresses of two references, and your CV) should be sent via email to david.richardson@uea.ac.uk by the 10th of October