

CAREER OBJECTIVE

To complete graduate school and further my understanding of wild animal populations. To gain a position in the wildlife field and become a certified Wildlife Biologist.

EDUCATION

West Virginia University

Morgantown, West Virginia

Wildlife and Fisheries Resources

Currently completing Master of Science Wildlife Resources: An American Woodcock Habitat Restoration Study

University of Georgia

Athens, Georgia

• GPA 3.41

Warnell School of Forest Resources

Bachelor of Science Forest Resources with dual major in Wildlife Management and Forestry

University of Montana

Missoula, Montana

Forestry Professional Program

Completed courses towards a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Management and Forestry

RELEVANT COURSE WORK

Ornithology, Population Dynamics, Wildlife Habitat Management, Vertebrate Natural History, Wildlife Nutrition and Physiology, Wildlife Techniques, Geographic Data Analysis, Forest Ecology.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Current M. S. Thesis

- Studying the effects of exotic Morrow's honeysuckle (*Lonicera morrowii*) on the microhabitat usage of small mammals, the effectiveness of prebaiting small mammal live traps, and the earthworm communities under various shrubs on site.

Senior Thesis

- Research conducted on Ossabaw Island, Georgia on the diet habits of feral hogs (*Sus scrofa*) by data collection and analysis using SAS. PowerPoint presentation given to faculty, staff, and students.

Wildlife Techniques Research Project

- Investigated the breeding habits of juvenile versus adult American Coots (*Fulica americana*) in the Southern U.S.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Wildlife Field Technician

August 2003 – November 2003

- Established grid boundaries and helped set up experiment for trapping small mammals. Baited and processed 1176 traps simultaneously with a team, cleaned traps, and helped to take equipment down.

Conservation Education Contractor

December 2002 – August 2003

USDA Forest Service (Research and Development)

- Aid in an international teen journal about environmental issues by: querying database, providing detailed technical graphs and charts, act as main personnel contact and resource for the public to acquire information about the journal, create graphics.
- Created database for Forest Service budget and responsible for incoming invoices, purchase orders, and continual updates.

Fisheries Technician

August 2002 – January 2003

- Electro-shocked fish and handled a seining net to sample fish populations in sections of the streams. Data collection about habitat characteristics included taking benthic samples. Microscope analysis of benthic microinvertebrates. Recorded data in Microsoft Excel. Read rain gauge data.

Ecology Field Technician

Summer 2002

- Built herbivore exclosures from rebar, hog-wire, and barbwire. Planted 1000 Chinese Tallow tree (*Sapium sebiferum*) seedlings and monitored them by daily recording status and watering plants. Also recorded first documentation of the exotic invasive tung oil tree (*Aleurites fordii*) incursion on the island by tagging thousands of trees. Assisted spotlight surveys for deer in Whitehall Forest (UGA).

Carolina Cross Connection

Summers 1999, 2000, 2001

- Position: Field Coordinator
Duties: Full-time. Organized jobs for the campers such as building wheelchair ramps, porches, painting houses, and roofing.
- Position: Lead Field Coordinator
Duties: In charge of communication with lumber companies and paint stores. Trained new Field Coordinators.
- Position: **Director**
Duties: Maintained harmony within staff, campers, cook, and people we worked for. Dealt with conflicts and ensured that campers had a good time and that the people we worked for were satisfied with the job done and the visitation. Balanced and kept the budget for the camp. Priced and bought food for 70 people at a time and delivered it to the cook.

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Experience with GIS, Microsoft Works, Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, ArcView, Microsoft Access, Word Perfect
- Experience with mist-netting birds, small mammal and herpetofauna trapping, habitat assessment, orienteering
- Experience with chainsaws, basic automotive skills, construction power tools, and landscaping tools.

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

- Dean's List (Fall 1999, Fall 2001, Fall 2002)
- HOPE Scholar (Fall 1998 – Graduation)
- Presidential Scholar (Fall 2002)
- Who's Who in America (Fall 1998 – Graduation)
- Stripling Academic Scholarship (Spring 2002 – Graduation)
- XI Sigma Pi Honorary Society
- The Forest Steward's Guild
- UGA Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society
- Univ. of MT Rugby Team, UGA Soccer Intramurals, UGA Softball Intramurals

REFERENCES

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