



Volunteer shorebird fieldwork opportunity in Belarus, spring 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 a motivated researcher to work as a field assistant with our team in Belarus (Turov meadows) from 10 April to 31 May 2020. 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:

The ideal candidate will have fieldwork experience with breeding shorebirds or at least birds, a good health condition and is willing to work in remote field areas within international team. Experience with bird ringing, a driving licence and 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.

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**.

