

## Volunteer Role Description

<b>Role title:</b>
<b>Wildlife Trainee (Ecology)</b>
<b>Purpose of the role:</b>
Assist the Ecology Team to survey and monitor the wildlife and habitats on the Trust's nature reserves. Conduct Water Vole surveys and assist in monitoring mink activity in the three counties for the Water Vole Recovery Project. Assist with the management of survey data with an emphasis on data entry.
<b>Type of work you will be involved in:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Species surveys (including water voles and badgers) and habitat monitoring using standard methodologies.</li> <li>Data management using Excel and Access.</li> </ul>
<b>You will be based at:</b>
BBOWT Oxford Office – The Lodge, Littlemore. Surveys will be conducted on the Trust's 80+ nature reserves and the wider countryside across the three counties.
<b>Times/days we would like you to be available:</b>
A commitment to volunteer three days a week for up to a 12 month period is required. Actual days: Mon, Tues, Weds 9am to 5pm.
<b>Benefits to volunteer &amp; possible training opportunities:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn about the wildlife and ecology in the three counties.</li> <li>Improve species identification skills and learn how to undertake a variety of wildlife and habitat surveys.</li> <li>Comprehensive internal programme of relevant training courses.</li> <li>Personal training budget (TBC) for external courses and monthly travel expenses.</li> <li>Develop good IT skills.</li> <li>Gain experience and skills needed for employment in nature conservation.</li> </ul>
<b>You will be responsible to:</b>
Ecology Officer (Monitoring)
<b>Expenses payable:</b>
Limited travel expenses and training budget (still to be confirmed)

## Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Experience of species identification		✓
Experience of carrying out wildlife surveys		✓
Degree or equivalent in environmental discipline		✓
Experience of Excel, Word, Access		✓
A valid current driving licence	✓	
Good interpersonal skills	✓	
Planning and organisational skills	✓	
Desire to work in UK nature conservation	✓	