

Position: Butterfly Conservation Field Assistant (x4)
Location: Rice Lake Plains, Ontario
Duration: 8 weeks (2x May 11 – July 6, 2x May 18 – July 13)
Rate of pay: \$17-19/hour commensurate with experience
Hours of work: 40 hours per week, weekends required

For more project details visit:



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Project Details:

The Mottled duskywing is an endangered butterfly in Canada and the populations remaining in Ontario are confined to remnant tallgrass habitats, which in themselves are globally endangered. Our research examines the demography and viability of these populations which will aid in conservation of the species. We are seeking enthusiastic, up-and-coming field ecologists to join our 2023 field team. Assistants will work closely with a graduate student from the [Norris Lab](#) and conduct butterfly mark-resighting surveys in the Rice Lake Plains area. Accommodations will be provided.

Duties:

- Assist in daily butterfly mark-resighting surveys in endangered prairie and savanna habitats
- Record, digitize, and organize field data
- Conduct vegetation and leaf litter surveys
- Support of the [Cambridge Butterfly Conservatory](#) captive rearing program, including: capture and transport of butterflies; release of adult, larvae, and eggs as needed; and communication/coordination with Conservatory staff
- Effective communication with coworkers, the public, and employees of partner agencies
- Additional tasks as assigned, which could include literature review, report writing, etc.

Qualifications:

- A strong interest in butterfly ecology, entomology, and/or conservation
- Plant, insect, and/or butterfly identification skills considered an asset
- An affinity for being outdoors and comfortable hiking in hot summer conditions amongst biting insects and poison ivy
- Experience conducting biological surveys considered an asset
- Ability to work both independently with limited supervision and within groups
- Transportation to and from accommodation site at beginning and end of contract
- Preference will be given to candidates who qualify for government youth employment initiative funding:
 - Between 15 and 30 years old;
 - A Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or someone who has been granted refugee status in Canada; and
 - Legally entitled to work according to relevant provincial/territorial legislation

Please send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for two references in a single PDF file to trendose@uoguelph.ca by **February 28, 2023**. The file should be named as follows:

“SURNAMEfirstname_MODU2023” with an email subject heading of “2023 Rice Lake Field Assistant”.

We are dedicated to promoting equality, diversity, and inclusion and encourage all qualified individuals to apply. We look forward to hearing from you!