

# Wild Turkey Research Crew Leaders (2): Nebraska

## Agency

School of Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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## Location

Western Nebraska

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## Job Category

Temporary/Seasonal Positions

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## Salary

\$16/hour with housing and work truck included

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## Start Date

01/04/2023

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## Last Date to Apply

10/28/2022

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## Website

<https://wildlifeecologylab.unl.edu/>

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## Description

The Applied Wildlife Ecology & Spatial Movement Lab and Nebraska Fish & Wildlife Cooperative Research Unit are recruiting 2 experienced applicants to serve as Crew Leaders to assist graduate students with research evaluating wild turkey behavioral ecology in western Nebraska. Field season will run from January to August. This study will examine various facets of wild turkey ecology including reproduction, disease, harvest, gobbling chronology, predation risk, genetics, and spatial ecology. The expected results from this research project will be directly applicable to wild turkey management in Nebraska and will contribute critical information to the broader understanding of factors affecting wild turkey population declines across the United States. The successful candidates will be expected to coordinate field data collection with graduate students and

research technicians and help supervise technicians. Fieldwork will include capture and GPS monitoring of male and female wild turkeys, nest and brood monitoring, vegetation surveys, disease monitoring, mesopredator camera trap surveys, acoustic monitor setup and maintenance, etc. and the supervision of a technician. This a collaborative project with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, faculty at University of Nebraska-Lincoln and University of Georgia, and the Nebraska Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit. As such, the successful candidates will work with a team of graduate students, research technicians, private landowners, university faculty, and Nebraska Game and Parks Commission biologists. Field season housing and field transportation will be provided.

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## **Qualifications**

Preference will be given to applicants that have a B.S. in wildlife ecology or a related field. Successful candidates will be expected to have: (1) previous leadership experience; (2) significant field experience including animal capture and tagging; (3) significant experience with radio telemetry, wildlife tracking, and GIS mapping; (4) experience setting up trail cameras; (5) experience with vegetation sampling; (6) strong interpersonal skills as daily interaction with landowners, hunters, state agency personnel, and other stakeholders will occur; (7) willingness to work early mornings, late nights, and weekends when necessary during a 7+ month field season; and (8) experience operating 4WD vehicles and UTV's.

To be considered for these positions, please send a cover letter outlining your interests, resume, and contact information for 3 professional references (name, email, phone, address) combined in a single PDF file with the file name formatted as lastname\_firstname.pdf (e.g., doe\_john.pdf) with the subject line titled: "Wild Turkey Crew Leader" to Dr. Andrew Little (alittle6@unl.edu). Review of applications will begin immediately and the position will remain open until filled.

The University of Nebraska is committed to a pluralistic campus community through affirmative action, equal opportunity, work-life balance, and dual careers. See <http://www.unl.edu/equity/notice-nondiscrimination>

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## **Contact Person**

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