

Volunteer Field Assistants

Red-and-green Macaw Rewilding Initiative

This initiative seeks volunteer field assistants from Sept 2015 to April 2016 for a reintroduction project for the Red-and-green Macaw (*Ara chloropterus*) at Iberá, Corrientes, Argentina.

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DESCRIPTION

Volunteers will work in two areas: a field site where macaws will be released (Nov. 2015) and a captive center (near the town of Paso de la Patria). Activities will include helping with the daily routines of the field site and the center as well as research projects. Field site and captive breeding center duties include introducing the captive macaws to a native diet, monitoring their feeding behavior, collecting native food and maintaining the birds' enclosure. Volunteer field assistants will also be involved in release and post-release processes, which will include VHF monitoring. Activities for research projects include surveys of cavities, phenology studies and others.

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must be responsible, self-disciplined, hard working, self-motivated, and be able to tolerate tropical weather, biting insects (mosquitoes, ticks, flies), and rustic living conditions. They must be willing to work in a group, and a sense of humor is always appreciated. Applicants with bird handling experience and Spanish language skills are preferred but not required. A minimum stay of two (2) months is required, but longer stays are preferable. Must be a minimum of 18 years old. The necessary equipment for fieldwork activities will be provided.

FEES & EXPENSES

Applicants must arrange their own transportation to Corrientes or Ituzaingó, Corrientes province, Argentina. We charge a fee (USD 50 per week) to cover their cost of food, accommodation and Internet use (only in the center). Applicants from Latin America will be given preference in the selection process and also special conditions with the fee, depending on the number of applicants. Applicants will share a room either at the field site (40 km from Ituzaingó) or the center (4 km from the nearest town, Paso de la Patria).

HOW TO APPLY

Send cover letter and resume with contact of two references to **Igor Berkunsky** at igorberkunsky@gmail.com. In the cover letter indicate why you are interested to participate with us, and the dates you are available.

Individuals interested in applying to this position are strongly advised to check the cost of flights from their native country to Argentina prior to applying to the position. Email for further information.

CLOSE DATE: When position is filled.

