



Volunteer Position Descriptions BABY BIRD CARE

BABY BIRD CARE VOLUNTEER

Purpose:

During baby bird season, we receive hundreds of orphaned and/or injured baby birds that need special care. Volunteers are needed to prepare nest cups, properly set up and clean habitats, correctly hand feed, and monitor care for each species. This volunteer opportunity is available from approximately May through early September each year.

Please note that onsite and/or in-person volunteer opportunities **may** require proof of Covid19 vaccination.

This Opportunity is Available to People Who:

- Are at least 18 years of age
- Are self-sufficient and able to complete tasks alone and/or with minimal guidance with great attention to detail
- Have a steady hand and are able to follow both written and verbal instructions
- Are time conscious and can keep up in a fast-paced environment
- Successfully complete required training as scheduled

Examples of Tasks Performed by the Baby Bird Care Volunteer:

- Prepare and feed baby bird diets as instructed on a timed schedule, including but not limited to:
 - Offer FNS (Formula for Nesting Songbirds) using proper syringe feeding technique
 - Offer additional hand feeding items depending on species, such as insects, soaked kitten chow, and/or fruit
 - Offer water as instructed, with paintbrush and/or water dish
- Make, clean, and monitor nest cups; including fecal observations, using appropriately sized containers
- Following instructions, properly set up and clean various habitats
- Complete tasks associated with the care of hatch year waterfowl patients housed in rearing pens, enclosures, and pools
- Moving impressionable waterfowl from rearing pens to outside temporary housing following strict guidelines
- Help with food preparation, working out of the lower-level kitchen
- Follow Coccidiostat Schedule as posted
- Keep accurate records of timed feedings, noting amounts and any behaviors such as difficulty swallowing, unusual droppings, not eating, or any other possible concerns
- Help complete daily care sheets and record observations of bird behavior
- Help maintain the cleanliness of patient enclosures and assigned areas which may include sweeping, mopping, washing dishes, doing laundry, cage and husbandry cleaning, and special projects as needed



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Time Contribution:

- Shifts will be from 8am-11am and 3pm to 6pm Monday-Sunday
- Volunteers are expected to serve at least 1 shift a week, or approximately 12 hours a month
- Volunteers must sign a release form, volunteer agreement, and provide emergency contact information.
- All volunteers must complete a New Volunteer Orientation before training in their selected area.

Benefits

- Provide a safe, clean habitat, and nutritious, species-specific diets to give orphaned and injured baby birds another chance

To Apply

- For an application, please email volunteer@tristatebird.org
- Application window is April 1 to April 30. Training provided in May and early June.