

**Graduate Research Assistantship  
M.S. in Wildlife Science  
University of Arkansas-Monticello**

Project title: American woodcock (*Scolopax minor*) habitat selection during migration and winter periods along the Saline River in south-central Arkansas

Project description: This project seeks to fill a critical information gap in the annual cycle of a species experiencing long-term population declines and listed as a species of greatest conservation need in the Arkansas Wildlife Action Plan. The study will address Central Flyway webless migratory game bird information needs, including identification and characterization of important woodcock habitat during migration and winter. The overall goal of this project is to enhance the understanding of woodcock winter habitat requirements and conservation of woodcock habitat. Information gained through this project will be useful to inform Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, timber companies, and private landowners how management activities may enhance woodcock habitat conservation.

Qualifications: B.S. degree in biological sciences with an emphasis on wildlife ecology, wildlife management, or related field; experience measuring vegetation characteristics and conducting field work; excellent written and oral communication skills; good organization and collaborative skills; strong work ethic; and a positive attitude. Basic knowledge of ArcGIS and a minimum of 3.0 GPA and GRE score of 100 desired.

Location: Monticello, Arkansas.

Starting date: August 2009

Stipend: \$15,000 per year plus tuition

Closing date: March 1, 2009 or until position is filled.

Application: Please submit a cover letter describing credentials and professional goals, a resume, 3 references, and a copy of university transcripts and test scores.

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