

## **Graduate Research Assistantship (MS) in Avian Ecology**

Agency: Texas Tech University and USGS TX Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit

Location: Lubbock, TX

Salary: \$20,000/year + insurance and fee waivers of approximately \$15,000/year

Last Date to Apply: 2/01/2023 or until filled.

I am seeking to fill a Graduate Research Assistantship (M.S.) at Texas Tech University beginning in April-May 2023. This project is part of a long-term study of avian community response to pinyon-juniper thinning practices with a mark-recapture survival and site fidelity component focused on select species. This student will be advised by Dr. Clint Boal. Field work is conducted May – early August of 2023 and 2024 and takes place in central New Mexico. This position is funded for 2.5 years by the US Bureau of Land Management.

Qualifications: Applicants must have a BS (at time of hire) in wildlife ecology, natural resources management, biology, or a closely related field, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and be professional and highly motivated for graduate research. Coursework in ornithology, experience conducting point-count bird surveys, and experience mist-netting and banding passerines is required. Strong skills in ArcGIS/QGIS are highly desired. The successful applicant will need to be able to work well with DOI collaborators, supervise two technicians, and oversee vehicle and other equipment maintenance in the field.

I expect to fill this position in early February 2023. To apply send (1) a cover letter describing your research and career interests, reason for applying, and relevant experience; (2) your resume; (3) email contact information for 3 references, and (4) unofficial transcripts via email to Dr. Clint Boal ([clint.boal@ttu.edu](mailto:clint.boal@ttu.edu)).