

## **Volunteers wanted in DONANA National Park.**

The Ringing programme of migratory passerines, Estacion Biologica de Donana (CSIC), Almonte district Council, Spain is looking for volunteers (expert ringers and assistant ringers) to help in ringing programmes in Donana National Park in September, October and November 1999.

As part of the migratory passerines ringing programme, the Equipo de Seguimiento de procesos Naturales of the Estacion Biologica de Donana has developed a ringing station in the Donana National Park, which will be active during the postnupcial migration (September, October and November). An agreement has been signed with the borough of Almonte to allow schoolchildren of the village of El Rocio to watch the ringing procedures and to learn about this activity. Talks will be given by the EBD employees at the school as part of this scheme, and the volunteers will be asked to cooperate at the ringing station.

The conditions for the voluntary work will be as follows:

- The ringing station will be placed in the Manecorro area distant 1 Km from the lodging for the volunteers at the entrance of El Rocio village. Thus the daily

movements to and from the station can be made on foot.

A ringing team will be composed of one or two members and sometimes more. In fixed dates small groups of children will be welcomed and taken care of by the team and they will be allowed to participate in the ringing tasks when possible.

The work will be performed from dawn to dusk in a rota which will be set up according to the number of volunteers available. We consider the optimum number to be 3 expert ringers and 3 assistant which will allow to set up a 3 days rota (2 days off for each working day). Although at certain times, work may be more intense.

During their days off the volunteers will be encouraged to join any of the research teams that work at the EBD to see what activities we do in the Donana area.

The accommodation will consist of a room shared with another volunteer, shared bathroom and shower and kitchen facilities. A fridge and a washing machine will be available. Cleaners will clean the communal areas but cleaning private rooms, beds, etc. will be

responsibility of the volunteers.

- Due to the voluntary nature of this scheme all the collaborators are asked to sign the discharge form, so accepting the responsibilities that may be involved in the work.

An application form to participate in the ringing program is available on the website mentioned. You can contact directly to José Luis Arroyo Matos or via Vogeltrekstation Arnhem.

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