

## **Field Assistant vacancy at Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS).**

**Number of vacancies:** One

**Position:** Field Assistant for Threatened Grassland Birds Project in north east India

**Position details:** This position is initially for one year. It might be extended based on project requirements and also on the candidate's performance

**Posting location:** Tinsukia, Assam

**Remuneration:** Rs. 11,000 per month. Travel and accommodation during project works in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh will be covered. Food will be provided during field surveys. However, you need to take care of your food during your stay at Tinsukia.

**Responsibilities:** 1) To assist in conducting bird surveys, socio-economic surveys in Assam & Arunachal Pradesh

2) To assist in organising awareness/training programmes for local communities/stakeholders

3) To enter field data in Microsoft Excel

**Last date to apply:** 20 October 2023.

**Candidates must possess the following basic qualifications/skills:** • A Bachelor's degree in any stream • Ability to work independently. • Physically fit and energetic candidate. • Basic knowledge of computer • Can speak Assamese & Hindi languages • Health and accident insurance is necessary for selection.

We will work with you to make sure you get the most out of your experience with us in the field. From working directly in the field with scientists and learning from them will give you first-hand experience and you will be contributing in the research and conservation of threatened bird species. The positions are ideal for students, graduates, and professionals in the field (age > 20 years).

Once selected, you will have to cover your travel and other associated cost to reach the field site at Tinsukia, Assam. Your accommodation will be taken care of during your stay at Tinsukia Field Station and during the field works. However, you need to take care of your food during your stay at Tinsukia. We shall provide accommodation and food during the field work. The responsibilities would include accompanying the Scientist in the field and helping him to carry out field activities such as point counts and Socio-economic survey of local communities and other data collection. Once back to base camp/HQ you will assist in data entry or report writing as desired. Since this is a conservation project, the candidate might have to work with local communities. Field work would involve traveling, camping, trekking in the floodplains of Brahmaputra where certain risks are associated with the work. The applicant acknowledges and accepts sole responsibility for any such risks of whatever nature that may occur during the term of the field work. Applicants should be prepared to live in basic field accommodations and carry out extensive field work/treks in the floodplains. A certificate will be provided to the participant at the end of their tenure. The work might

involve at times challenging situations either dealing with wildlife, dangerous grassland habitats and local communities.

BNHS cannot accept any responsibility for accidents, injuries, loss of personal effects or death which you agree to fully assume. You understand that during the placement certain events may occur, including, but not limited to, accident or illness in remote places, borders or political instability and the forces of nature. You agree to assume all risks associated with the field work in such areas.

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**How to apply:** Submit a complete CV along with a cover letter (not exceeding one page) clearly conveying why you consider yourself a suitable candidate for this position. Selected candidate should submit a letter of undertaking from their legal guardian. **Interested candidates should send their applications (bio-data and reasons for getting involved) to [hr@bnhs.org](mailto:hr@bnhs.org)/[b.chakdar@bnhs.org](mailto:b.chakdar@bnhs.org) by 20 October 2023** with the subject line “Application for Field Assistant in Threatened Grassland Birds Project”. For any queries or additional information, write to [b.chakdar@bnhs.org](mailto:b.chakdar@bnhs.org)