



Summer Naturalist Positions: The BC Biodiversity Program



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In partnership with BC Parks & the Sitka Foundation, we ([Brian Starzomski](#), University of Victoria, and [John Reynolds](#), Simon Fraser University) are looking to hire 4 summer naturalists to build on six years of success with [this program](#). The role involves traveling across BC and surveying the flora and fauna of BC Provincial Parks and surrounding areas using the community science platform [iNaturalist](#). Additional positions may become available depending on funding. We have flexible start dates from mid-April to May. Fieldwork will run through August, followed by data uploading in September. Extensions may be possible based on funding availability. The position offers a salary of \$3,500 per month, plus \$1,250 per month, which will be more than enough to cover field expenses like gas, food, and accommodation.

Tasks:

- Conduct species surveys in parks and other regions across the province, and upload photos and audios to community science platforms from your computer (90%)
- Engage in public outreach, including bioblitzes (10%)

Necessary Skills:

- Remote First Aid (20-hour certification) and Class 5 Driver's License
- Extensive experience with iNaturalist
- Extensive hiking, camping, backpacking experience
- Strong natural history skills with a variety of taxa & good photography skills
- Excellent logistical and safety skills

Assets (but not strictly necessary):

- Your own camera(s)
- Your own vehicle

If you don't like rain, heat, camping, bugs, hiking, and remote places, this job is not for you!

To apply, please send the following to bc.inaturalist@gmail.com, with the subject line "BC Biodiversity Program - Your Name":

- (1) a cover letter stating how you meet each of the above criteria, including identification ability with plants and various animal groups.
- (2) a CV that includes your first aid certifications, iNaturalist ID (this is very important), and contact details for 3 references; and
- (3) unofficial transcripts.

We will begin reviewing applications on **January 5th 2025, and we will continue until positions are filled.**