



# Vermont Institute of Natural Science Avian Care Internship



**TITLE:** Avian Care Intern—VINS Nature Center, Quechee, Vermont

**SUMMARY:** VINS Avian Care Interns gain extensive hands-on training in raptor captive management, education bird handling and training and avian rehabilitation.

**REPORTS TO:** Lead Wildlife Keeper, Center for Wild Bird Rehabilitation

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## Duties:

- Provide captive management and husbandry for over 60 raptors and other wildlife used for programs and in exhibits.
- Assist staff with medical care of rehabilitation birds.
- Clean and maintain all indoor and outdoor animal facilities and aviaries.
- Perform daily husbandry tasks for all permanent residents used in educational programs and exhibits.
- Provide emergency care, feed, carry out medical treatments, and monitor health status.
- Assist finders of injured and orphaned birds and arrange transportation and rescue.
- Admit injured and orphaned birds.
- Maintain live rodent food colony.

## Location:

The Vermont Institute of Natural Science in Quechee, Vermont includes the Nature Center, Raptor Exhibits and the Center for Wild Bird Rehabilitation. This private, non-profit organization was founded in 1972 and provides environmental education, field research and avian rehabilitation. The institute is located in the scenic countryside of east central Vermont approximately 2 1/2 hours from Boston and 1 1/2 hours from Burlington. Vermont is a great state for skiing, hiking, and other outdoor recreation. To learn more about the VINS Raptor Exhibits and Department of Wildlife Services visit our web site at [vinsweb.org](http://vinsweb.org).

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## Qualifications:

- Have enthusiasm.
- Ability to work both independently and in a team.
- Strong interest in birds and wildlife husbandry.
- Willingness to work long, hard, irregular hours in all weather conditions.
- 18 years or older.
- Hold a valid driver's license, and have own transportation.
- Physical capacity to catch and treat large birds, lift equipment weighing up to 40 pounds, climb stairs, walk preserve and carry equipment for routine maintenance.
- Ability to work quickly & efficiently while following directions & procedures.
- Have updated tetanus vaccination at time of beginning internship.
- Available to work 40 hours per week.
- Have college degree, working towards a degree or have equivalent wildlife experience.

## Length of Internship:

- 6 months minimum, 40 hours per week.

## Amenities:

Housing plus a stipend of \$280 every 2-week pay period.

## To Apply:

- Cover letter (must include dates of availability, career goals and interests relative to the internship)
- Resume
- List of 3 references
- One letter from a reference (can be mailed separately)

## Send To:

**Lauren Adams, Lead Wildlife Keeper**  
**Center for Wild Bird Rehabilitation**  
**ladams@vinsweb.org**

Or mail to:

Center for Wild Bird Rehabilitation  
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