



# Vermont Institute of Natural Science

## Seasonal Wildlife Keeper

**TITLE:** Seasonal Wildlife Keeper

**SUMMARY:** The Vermont Institute of Natural Science in Quechee, Vermont, is currently seeking a strong candidate to fill the position of Seasonal Wildlife Keeper. The Seasonal Wildlife Keeper works closely with the permanent animal care staff. The Seasonal Wildlife Keeper understands and partakes in all aspects of animal care both for permanent resident animals at VINS and patients in the Center for Wild Bird Rehabilitation.

The Seasonal Wildlife Keeper assists in training and overseeing the work performed by interns and volunteers related to the care of the wild animals entrusted to VINS. The Seasonal Wildlife Keeper is skilled in performing physical examinations on birds, diagnosing injuries, administering medications and fluids to birds, feeding, cleaning and maintaining the animal enclosures; observing and reporting unusual changes in behavior to supervisors; assisting with rehabilitation procedures; keeping detailed records for internal and state purposes; and educating the general public on basic wildlife issues.

The Seasonal Wildlife Keeper understands the goals of VINS, its mission, and participates actively in the VINS community. The Seasonal Wildlife Keeper also assumes an education and public relations role at VINS and should be comfortable in presenting details and concepts to the public.

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

**UPDATED:** January 2019

### Prerequisites

- At least one year of wildlife rehabilitation experience, preferably avian wildlife.
- At least one season of caring for and hand-feeding baby songbirds and other birds
- A Bachelor of Science degree in wildlife biology or related field.
- Works well with the general public.
- Ability to work independently.
- Strong team relations.
- Organized and handles multiple tasks simultaneously.
- Must be flexible with schedule; weekends, early mornings, evenings and some holidays are expected

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## **Candidate should possess the skill sets needed to perform the responsibilities listed below:**

- Performs avian wildlife rehabilitation care, including initial triage and assessment, wound care management, fracture immobilization, dosing and administering medications and fluids as needed.
- Performs euthanasia as necessary along humane euthanasia guidelines.
- Helps to train and coordinate interns and volunteers.
- Helps in facility and enclosure maintenance and cleaning.
- Performs husbandry care for permanent resident birds and reptiles.
- Works collaboratively with the VINS Nature Center Education team in support of the outreach and onsite programs.
- Fields phone calls from the public regarding injured wildlife and other wildlife questions.
- Keeps detailed records on animal care.

## **Compensation**

Compensation is hourly, commensurate with experience. This is a full-time, temporary position lasting six months. This position consists of a five-day work week with some changes in schedule according to seasonal requirements.

## **To Apply**

- Cover letter (must include dates of availability, career goals and interests relative to the position)
- Resume
- List of 3 references

## **Send To**

Lauren Adams, Lead Wildlife Keeper

Please email [ladams@vinsweb.org](mailto:ladams@vinsweb.org) and include the subject line: Seasonal Wildlife Keeper

Or mail to:

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Center for Wild Bird Rehabilitation

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