Below is an opportunity for wildlife folks seeking a **short field opportunity for about two weeks in June** with waterfowl in arctic Alaska. Interested grad students who have completed their field work and looking to get away from the desk for a couple weeks are also encouraged to apply.

**Field assistants (1-2)** needed for about two weeks starting around June 10th to assist with pair survey counts on the tundra surrounding Utqiagvik (Barrow), Alaska. The USFWS’s Endangered Species Program (based in Fairbanks, Alaska) has been monitoring Steller’s eider breeding biology in Utqiagvik since 1991. Summer weather is typically cold and windy, average highs range from 35 – 50 F, and average lows range from 25 – 35 F. A bunkhouse with running water, showers, telephone, and kitchen in Utqiagvik is provided.

**Duties:** Assist with pair surveys for Steller’s and spectacled eiders and avian predators (snowy owl, three species of jaegers, glaucous gull, and common raven) on the tundra and help conduct scat surveys for an arctic fox occupancy study. Additional opportunities may exist to help on other aspects of the Steller's eider project and potentially extend longer than two weeks if desired and the extra help is needed.

**Dates:** ~June 10th-25th, though actual dates are dependent on arrival and dispersal of birds on the tundra, dependent on spring snow melt.

**Expenses/Stipend:** Travel expenses, food, and lodging in Barrow are provided. A stipend of ~$750 will be provided, +/- dependent on time spent on the project.

**Gear:** Waders, binoculars, and other field gear are provided; you must provide your own field clothes.

**Qualifications:** Applicants must be willing and capable of: working as part of a team, living in shared quarters in a remote village, working long hours, and walking up to 12 miles per day in waders on wet tundra, in cold, windy weather.

Preferred qualifications include: experience and interest in identifying birds in the field including female waterfowl, navigating by maps and GPS, and experience with shotguns (it is polar bear country) and all-terrain vehicles.

Interested applicants can email me a resume and contact info for three references, or to inquire for more details at nathan_graff@fws.gov. I'm also on campus periodically and available to meet.

Thanks,

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