



Internship in Wildlife Conservation Policy



Nebraska Wildlife Federation is a state-wide non-profit organization dedicated to Nebraska's wildlife and wild places through outdoor education, fish and wildlife conservation, and public policy advocacy. We have an office in Lincoln, a small staff, and a dedicated group of volunteers.

Conservation Policy Internship: The Federation seeks one or two college interns in the Fall semester, 2015, to work with us at the crossroads between wildlife conservation and public policy. The 90% decline in the Monarch butterfly population over the last 20 years is part of a broader decline in bees and other pollinators. This is currently a high-profile conservation issue, especially in the Great Plains. The Federation is working with other organizations and agencies to identify root causes and develop conservation plans and policy responses that will help reverse the population decline.

We are working with several organizations and agencies to plan an information forum on Monarchs this Fall to allow agencies and organizations to share information on the threats and the ongoing and new activities and programs designed to address the threats. We are also working to organize a larger stakeholders meeting that would create a collaboration designed to craft a state conservation plan for Monarch butterflies. While the Monarch butterfly is the primary focus, many of the practices that would benefit Monarchs would also benefit bees and other pollinators.

Interns Will Help Us ... gather information essential to the development of pollinator conservation strategies and policies, including critical information on the relevant biology, review and summarize relevant studies identifying the threats to butterflies and other pollinators, identify policies (like state and county mowing practices) and practices (herbicide use) that impact the species, catalog opportunities to establish habitat on public lands, identify conservation programs that could help private landowners establish habitat, and collect information on existing efforts. Interns will also help us organize and attend the informational forum and stakeholder meeting.

Interns Will Benefit ... by gaining experience working for a non-profit organization on an important wildlife conservation subject; gaining a better understanding of the interplay between conservation policy and on-the-ground conservation planning; gaining a better understanding of the roles of key federal and state conservation agencies and non-profit organizations; and developing at least one written product suitable for a portfolio.

We Are Looking For ... one or two responsible students willing to work 5 to 10 hours per week over 10 weeks in the Fall, 2015 semester. Good research and writing skills are important, ability to communicate and work with others, and ability to keep organized.

We Can Provide ... work space in our office at 46th and Calvert, although work can be also accomplished at the student's location. We cannot provide pay, benefits or a stipend at this time. We will provide supervision from an experienced professional, and will work with student and advisor to make this a valuable experience eligible for college credit.

To Apply ... send a letter of interest with a resume to Nebraska Wildlife Federation, Box 81437, Lincoln, NE 68501, or email to Info@NebraskaWildlife.org. Internships remain open until filled.