



NYC Parks

CITY OF NEW YORK PARKS & RECREATION  
**SEASONAL JOB VACANCY NOTICE**

**Office Title:** Wildlife Monitor  
**Civil Service Title:** Community Associate  
**Work Location:** Rockaway Beach, Queens

**Duration:** 6 months, starting March 2024  
**Salary:** \$26.37 per hour/35 hours per week  
**Positions:** 3

As the steward of over 30,000 acres of land — 14 percent of New York City — NYC Parks builds and maintains clean, safe, and accessible parks citywide and programs these parks with recreational activities for people for all ages. Through this work, Parks & Recreation improves peoples' lives, providing outlets for creative expression, opportunities for healthy recreation, and exposure to the restorative beauty of the natural world.

### MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Rockaway Beach Endangered Species Nesting Area (RBESNA) is a section of beach approximately 1 mile long (20 city blocks) and about 1 block wide. The site is home to piping plovers, least and common terns, American oystercatchers, black skimmers, as well as other migratory birds that use the site as a safe haven. NYC Parks is mandated by federal (Endangered Species Act) and state law to provide protection for the piping plover, a New York State Endangered and Federally Threatened species.

Wildlife Monitors work at the Rockaway Beach Endangered Species Nesting Area to monitor and protect endangered species and conduct community outreach. Wildlife Monitors are responsible for the installation and maintenance of symbolic fencing in addition to their monitoring and protecting duties. Wildlife Monitors also gather data and perform data entry.

Under supervision, Wildlife Monitors work weekends and some holidays during the season.

### QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. High school graduation or equivalent and three years of experience in community work or community centered activities in an area related to duties described above; or
2. Education and/or experience which is equivalent to "1" above.

### PREFERRED SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS

1. Associate's or bachelor's degree or current student in the field of Biology, Conservation, Environmental Education or related field.
2. Experience with MS Office Suite and data collection and processing.
3. Ability to juggle and prioritize multiple tasks and meet deadlines.
4. Wildlife monitoring experience.
5. Ability to work outdoors for long periods of time.
6. Public speaking skills.
7. Ability to plan and lead public educational programs.
8. Valid New York State driver license.

Residency in New York City, Nassau, Orange, Rockland, Suffolk, Putnam or Westchester counties required for employees with over two years of city service. New York City residency required within 90 days of hire for all other candidates.

**Fees:** Hired candidates will be subject to a processing fee of \$68. Hired candidates who are not currently employed by the City will be subject to an \$88.25 background check fee.

### HOW TO APPLY

For more information and to apply, email resume and cover letter to Alexis Pristina, Wildlife Program Coordinator at [Wildlifeunit@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:Wildlifeunit@parks.nyc.gov), or mail to NYC Parks Wildlife Unit, 1234 Fifth Avenue – 5th floor New York, NY 10029, Fax: 212-360-2794. **Learn more at [www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks).**

Please indicate which position you are applying to.. City Employees Include your ERN on your cover letter and resume.

**POST DATE: 12/20/2023**

**POST UNTIL: FILLED**

**If you have questions about the position or need a reasonable accommodation, contact [Wildlifeunit@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:Wildlifeunit@parks.nyc.gov).**

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