Society for Protection of Birds and Nature (KUŞKOR) – NORTHERN CYPRUS

Application form for International Volunteers

**Background**

**KUŞKOR require a small team of dedicated field assistants to help with an expanding diversity and number of research and conservation activities.**

**Responsibilities of the team**

**Our main areas of work are with birds and as such the main responsibilities are currently:**

* Undertaking breeding bird censuses including passerines, raptors and waterbirds.
* Monitoring sea bird colonies on remote islands by boat.
* Producing, erecting and monitoring nest boxes for target conservation species, particularly European Roller.
* Monitoring wetlands.
* Shore watches, migration counts and some boat based sea bird and marine vertebrate surveys.
* Supporting the local ringing team and ringing teams from abroad with mist netting effort and where suitably qualified, leading ringing teams.
* Habitat management eg. clearing invasive species, installing floating islands for birds.
* Producing short docuclips to promote the work of the NGO, managing social media and fund raising.

Through our partner NGO Society for Protection of Turtles (SPOT; [www.cyprusturtles.org](http://www.cyprusturtles.org)), the team will also undertake regular patrols of study beaches across North Cyprus to monitor stranded turtles, cetaceans and monk seals. The team also responds to calls from the public and from fishermen who regularly report dead or injured sea turtles. This will include lab work as suitable specimens will be necropsied, diet analysis undertaken and samples collected, for example for skeletochronography. There may be opportunity to assist in the attachment of satellite transmitters to sea turtles.

**Volunteers**

We are looking for fit and healthy volunteers that do not mind sharing dorm accommodation. You must be able to get on well with other people and be prepared to cook and clean. In addition, knowledge of Turkish would be invaluable. You do not have to be a science student, graduate or ornithologists. However, those volunteers with experience in ornithology, particularly in bird identification, will be viewed most favourably.

**Volunteer duration** 4-8 weeks

**Volunteer costs** £650 toward basic food and accommodation in Cyprus.

**Team Leaders**

If you wish to apply for a team leader role, please state this in your application. Team leaders will have a full and valid driving licence, experience working as part of a team and preferably of managing small groups. Experience in identification of birds is essential, preferably not restricted to UK and ideally Mediterranean and or the Middle East.Candidates with ringing permits will be viewed particularly favourably as will any applicants who have previously volunteered on the Marine Turtle Conservation Project in Cyprus.

**Health and safety, risk assessment and insurance.**

All accepted applicants agree to conform to our health and safety standards and risk assessments during their placements and must have valid travel insurance during their placement period.

**Team leader duration** 2 to 7 months

**Team leader costs** None.

**How to apply**

Download an application form at <http://www.kuskor.org/joinus>. Complete and email to info@kuskor.org with cc to rtes201@exeter.ac.uk. Include “Cyprus Volunteer” and your name in the subject line.

The closing date for applications is **Friday October 13th 2017.**

**Application for field work studies.**

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**Name:**

**Term address: Home address:**

**Tel: Tel:**

**Email:**

**(Please note that you must be in regular email contact (at least weekly).**

**Date of Birth:**

**Sex:**

**Occupation (if you are currently undertaking a course please give details of course, university and year of study):**

**Qualifications:**

**Do you have a current clean driving license? If yes for how many years?**

**Have you ever owned your own vehicle?**

**Do you have any off road driving experience? If so please provide details.**

**The project runs from 23rd Oct-30th May, please give details of dates that you would be available. If you have exams, please check when they finish before committing.**

**Please describe any relevant experience that you have had working in research and/or conservation (use additional pages if necessary).**

**Please describe any relevant experience that you have had working as part of a team.**

**Why would you like to participate in this project?**

**How did you learn of this project?**

**Please give the name and address and email contact of two referees. One can be a previous volunteer on the project.**

**Name: Name:**

**Address: Address:**

**Tel: Tel:**

**Email: Email:**

**Please email to** damlabeton@gmail.com **with cc to** **rtes201@exeter.ac.uk****. Include “Cyprus Volunteer” and your name in the subject line.**

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