



Summer Naturalist Positions: The BC Parks Biodiversity Program



In partnership with BC Parks, we ([Brian Starzomski](#), University of Victoria, and [John Reynolds](#), Simon Fraser University) are looking to hire 4 naturalists to survey the flora and fauna of [BC Provincial Parks and beyond](#), using the community science platform [iNaturalist](#). We will build on the very successful 5-year track record of [this project](#). The position pays a salary of \$3000/month, plus additional funds to cover field expenses, from mid to late April through to the end of September. Depending on available funds there may be more positions available and the possibility of extensions.

Tasks

- Conduct species surveys in parks and other regions across the province, and upload photos and audios to community science platforms from your computer (90%)
- Engage in public outreach, including bioblitzes (10%)

Necessary Skills

- Remote First Aid (20-hour certification) and Class 5 Driver's Licence
- Extensive experience with the community science app iNaturalist
- Extensive hiking, camping, backpacking experience
- Strong natural history skills with a variety of taxa & good photography skills
- Excellent logistical and safety skills

Assets (but not strictly necessary)

- Your own camera
- Your own vehicle

If you don't like rain, heat, camping, bugs, hiking, and remote places, this job is not for you!

To apply, please send the following to bc.inaturalist@gmail.com, with the subject line "BC Parks Biodiversity Program 2024":

- (1) a cover letter stating how you meet each of the above criteria, including identification ability with plants and various animal groups.
- (2) a CV that includes your first aid certifications, iNaturalist ID (this is very important), and contact details for 3 references; and
- (3) unofficial transcripts.

We will begin reviewing applications on December 15th 2023, and we will continue until positions are filled. Positions are subject to availability of funding and COVID-19 protocols in British Columbia.