Vancouver Avian Research Centre

Research - Conservation - Education

Volunteer Agreement:

Between: _____(Name) and Vancouver Avian Research Centre (VARC)

VARC has very structured Station Protocols and Volunteer Levels Assessment for those wishing to volunteer and work with birds (http://www.birdvancouver.com/volunteer-3/) at the Banding Station. It is part of our mandate to provide training for people who commit to regular and long-term volunteering with us.

Volunteers are asked to commit to 2 days each month and will be scheduled accordingly. When agreeing to that commitment, please keep in mind that banding starts as early as 4.45am during the summer months.

Training someone to become a competent, permitted bander requires a significant commitment of resources from VARC. It requires a trained VARC volunteer to provide one-on-one supervision throughout the season and it takes a minimum of two years to be trained in banding/processing, ageing/sexing and net extraction. It is for these reasons that VARC can only train volunteers who commit to regular and long-term volunteering.

Please consider your motivation for wishing to volunteer with VARC before committing to the following by initialling in the boxes provided and signing below:

1. I am happy to commit to 2 scheduled banding days each month

   Initial: ☐

2. I understand that banding is an early morning activity and commit to being at the banding station for dawn as scheduled in WhenToHelp (our online volunteer scheduling software)

   Initial: ☐

3. My intention is to volunteer on a permanent basis and barring any unforeseen circumstances, I am happy to commit for a minimum of 3 years

   Initial: ☐

We are excited to have you volunteer as part of the VARC Team and look forward to working with you!

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Name Per: Vancouver Avian Research Centre

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Signature