



## Vancouver Avian Research Centre

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### Volunteer Bluebird Nest Box Monitors



**Above all else,  
the well being of *every* bird  
is the top priority at *all* times!**

**LOCATION:** Various sites in Merritt, BC and surrounding area

#### **SHORT DESCRIPTION:**

Box monitors needed 2 to 4 hours bi-weekly to perform nest box checks along a set route. Monitoring includes data recording and submission as well as box maintenance.

#### **FULL DESCRIPTION:**

This job will get you outside in nature, allow you to see several bird species up close and allow you to contribute to an important community project. VARC is currently seeking responsible, reliable volunteers who can spend 2 to 4 hours every 10 to 14 days from mid-April through mid-September performing nest box checks and box maintenance.

As this is strictly a volunteer role, there will be no monetary compensation however, VARC will provide all training, resource and most maintenance materials required.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF ROLE:**

Successful candidates will be responsible for the following:

- Performing nest box checks on assigned site(s) once every 10 to 14 days beginning in May and continuing through August.
- Performing box maintenance including preparations in early spring, box clean out in fall, maintenance as needed throughout the breeding season.
- Recording collected data and observations at each box legibly on data sheets provided.
- Submitting data sheets in a timely manner throughout the season.
- Follow nest box monitoring protocol as outlined by VARC.
- Informing VARC of any issues or needs on sites or with equipment.

## **SKILLS/REQUIREMENTS:**

Successful candidates should have the following skills and requirements:

- Great organizational skills.
- Be physically able to perform box checks and light box maintenance.
- Have access to own vehicle for traveling to/from box locations.
- Be responsible and extremely reliable.
- Great people skills when interacting with the public or landowners if encountered while checking boxes.
- Enjoy working on your own but also in a team environment with other volunteers and students.

**If volunteering interests you please complete the volunteer sign-up form on the previous page, indicating the areas you are interested in.**