

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Job Announcement
(An Equal Opportunity Employer)

POSITION TITLE, SERIES, GRADE:

Biological Science Technician (Wildlife), GS-404-5, 6

SALARY RANGE: \$36,018 - \$52,199

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: GS-6

LOCATION OF POSITION(S): Queens, New York City, NY – Multiple Positions

DURATION: 7 month positions, April 4, 2016 through October 31, 2016.

CLOSING DATE: March 14, 2016

This position is a Full Time, Excepted Service, Temporary appointment. Health benefits will be offered, and leave will accrued. The work schedule for this position will be full-time at 40 hours per week or 80 hours per pay period. NO HOUSING WILL BE PROVIDED. The position will begin no earlier than **April 4, 2016**.

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be 18 years old
- If you are a male born after December 31, 1959, and are at least 18 years of age, civil service employment law (5 U.S.C. 3328) requires that you must be registered with the Selective Service System, unless you meet certain exemptions (proof of registration and/or exemption required). Website: <https://www.sss.gov/>
- DD-214 (Member 4 copy) and/or VA letter required for applicable Veteran preference
- Application forms OF-612 and OF-306 may be obtained from contact listed, or downloaded from <http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/of.asp>
- Must have a valid State motor vehicle operator license.

HOW TO APPLY:

Interested individuals should email a detailed resume and copies of transcripts or completed OF-612 (Application for Federal Employment) by close of business **March 14, 2016** to:

Andrew Clapper
District Supervisor
USDA APHIS Wildlife Services
Andrew.T.Clapper@aphis.usda.gov

If you are currently a Federal employee, include a copy of the most recent performance appraisal or a statement on the application that the rating is at least Fully Successful and the date of the rating. Additional materials not listed above (i.e. position descriptions, training certificates, etc.) may not be considered.

NOTE: APPLICANTS FOR THIS POSITION WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO URINALYSIS TO SCREEN FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT. APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION WILL BE CONTINGENT UPON A NEGATIVE DRUG TEST RESULT. INCUMBENTS OF THIS POSITION WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO URINALYSIS TO SCREEN FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE ON AN ONGOING BASIS AFTER APPOINTMENT, AS DIRECTED.

Carrying/Using a firearm is a condition of Employment – In the passing of the *Lautenberg Amendment*, Congress passed legislation which prohibits anyone who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence from possessing a firearm or ammunition. If selected you will be required to sign the form, "Inquiry for Positions Requiring Possession of Firearms," certifying that you meet this criteria.

JOB SUMMARY

These positions are located with the Wildlife Services (WS) Program, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture working at JFK International Airport and throughout New York City and Long Island. The assignment involves the performance of duties relating to wildlife management and use of control techniques aimed at controlling wildlife damage, when it conflicts with man's economic interest, health or safety. The work is primarily concerned with WS operations relating to the cessation, alleviation or mitigation of problems created by carnivores, rodents, birds and other animals in an airport environment as well as urban and suburban settings.

DUTIES (*Described at the full performance potential of this position*)

Responsible for conducting and implementing direct control operations within a large geographical area assigned by the District Supervisor or State Director to control damage caused by avian or mammalian species.

Serves as a member of the WS workforce engaged in animal damage control operations.

Incumbent will be required to be familiar with and know how to use various devices, chemicals, tools, firearms and related equipment utilized in animal and bird damage control operations.

Must be able to correctly identify current, and forecast future, damage problems and relate them to the depredating species and determine/select the most effective means of control.

Must be highly skilled in the use of various WS control methods and procedures including the use of firearms. Means of control utilized may include the use of snares, traps, calling or shooting.

Must be able to discuss Endangered Species concepts, and be familiar with the ranges of the various threatened and endangered species that might come in conflict with any phase of WS programs.

Responsible for, and may instruct others in, the maintenance, repair and safekeeping of tools, supplies and equipment issued. Must maintain records pursuant to the State Pesticide statutes and regulations and Environmental Protection Agency use restriction.

Must be able to identify species by sight, sound, and tracks, type of depredation or damage present, examine other appropriate evidence and correctly identify such damage situations and relate them to the depredating species.

Incumbent may be required to serve as instructor and conduct demonstrations and training for cooperators or other interested groups on WS control methods, procedures, and program objectives. This may include preliminary instruction and training of new personnel or WS equipment, devices, chemicals, firearms, etc., reporting procedures, field responsibilities and other technical aspects of the program.

Prepares and submits routine and special reports regarding daily, weekly or monthly activities, observations, events and other relevant data collected.

May be required to pass Certified Applicator examination, as required of persons who use restricted-use pesticides.

Must demonstrate a respect for safety in all operations, including the operation of motor vehicles, firearms, control devices, and equipment.

Knowledge of colonial nesting birds, habitat, habits and types of damage is necessary; ability to manage damage caused by colonial nesting birds through nest and egg management, harassment, exclusion and firearms.

Knowledge of Canada geese, habitat, habits and types of damage is necessary for some of these positions; ability to manage damage caused by Canada geese through nest and egg management, harassment, exclusion and firearms.

Knowledge of white-tailed deer habitat, habits and types of damage is necessary; ability to manage damage caused by white-tailed deer with various types of methods is preferred (firearms, clover traps, exclusion).

Inspects and surveys areas to assist with existing programs.

Provides assistance to cooperators with identification of wildlife and in management techniques.

Responsible for reporting accomplishments, problems encountered, work locations, etc. to supervisor.

Operation of a Government-owned or leased vehicle is required.

Assists with wildlife control at sensitive locations (e.g. airports and public properties) that require high levels of professionalism and discretion.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AT THE GS-5/6 GRADE LEVELS:

Applicants must have 1 year of specialized experience equivalent in level of difficulty and responsibility to the next lower level in the Federal service. This experience is typically in, or related to, the work of the position being filled and must have equipped the applicant with the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed below.

OR

EDUCATION SUBSTITUTION AT THE GS-5 GRADE LEVEL:

Successful completion of a full 4-year course of study leading to a bachelor's degree with major study, or at least 24 semester hours, in any combination of scientific or technical courses such as biology,

chemistry, statistics, entomology, animal husbandry, botany, physics, agriculture, or mathematics, with at least 6 semester hours in wildlife.

EDUCATION SUBSTITUTION AT THE GS-6 GRADE LEVEL:

Successful completion of 9 semester hours of graduate level education with an emphasis in wildlife.

OR

COMBINATION OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE AT THE GS-5/6 GRADE LEVELS:

Equivalent combinations of successful completed education and experience may be used to meet the total qualification requirements. The total percentage must equal at least 100 percent to qualify.

ABOUT THE NYC AREA

The greater New York metropolitan area offers an unlimited number of cultural and regional opportunities to anyone interested in expanding their horizons! *Outdoor Recreation* – NY State has a diverse ecology and geology which provides boundless opportunities for hunting, fishing, hiking, rock climbing, biking, and photography. *Food* – The NYC area is a cultural mixing pot of residents from all over the world bringing their native recipes to the city streets. *Sports* – The NYC area has 9 professional sports teams offering sports fans year-round entertainment. *The Arts* – The many neighborhoods of NYC's boroughs are home to classic and modern music and art scenes.

Housing will not be provided.

ANYONE WITH QUESTION ABOUT THIS POSITION PLEASE CONTACT

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Candidates will be considered without discrimination for any non-merit reasons such as race, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, politics, disability, age, or membership or non-membership in an employee organization.