

Consultant Ecologist – Greenwillows Associates Ltd

Location: Warboys, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. Hybrid working available, with a focus on projects in the East of England.

Salary: £30,500 - £34,500, based on experience.

Contract: Full-time, or part time, permanent

Your Role

As a Consultant Ecologist, you will be involved in all aspects of our consultancy work, supporting and leading projects while working closely with our team of ecologists and subcontractors.

Key responsibilities include:

- Conducting ecological surveys, including UKHab surveys, Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) assessments, and protected species surveys (e.g., bats, great crested newts, reptiles, water voles).
 - Managing small to medium-scale projects, including quoting, surveying, reporting, and invoicing.
 - Preparing ecological reports, such as Preliminary Ecological Appraisals (PEAs) and Ecological Impact Assessments (EclAs).
 - Overseeing and supporting junior staff members.
 - Liaising with clients, local planning authorities, and statutory bodies to provide ecological advice.
 - Designing and implementing mitigation measures with senior staff support.
 - Managing and maintaining survey equipment (e.g., bat detectors, newt traps).
 - Producing health and safety risk assessments and method statements (RAMS).
 - Preparing protected species mitigation licence applications with guidance from senior staff.
 - Carrying out Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) duties and ecological supervision.
 - Collecting and submitting biological records to Local Records Centres.
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Essential Skills & Experience

To succeed in this role, you will need:

- A minimum of two years' professional ecological consultancy experience.
- Excellent report writing skills, with experience in writing PEAs and EclAs.
- A BSc/MSc (or equivalent) in ecology, environmental science, or a related field.
- At least one protected species survey licence (e.g., bats, great crested newts) and competence in the survey and mitigation of at least two protected species.
- A solid understanding of UK and European environmental legislation.
- Strong botanical skills
- Ability to undertake habitat surveys (UKHab) and apply the Biodiversity Metric for planning applications.
- Excellent report writing skills, with experience in writing PEAs and EclAs.
- Strong project management skills, including the ability to manage your own workload and be proactive in client engagement.
- Have a professional, enthusiastic, and positive approach.
- A full UK driving licence and access to transport.

Desirable Skills & Experience

- FISC Level 3 or above preferred, or willingness to develop these skills.
- Experience using GIS for mapping and data analysis.
- Experience conducting Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) supervision.
- Experience preparing protected species licence applications.
- Associate membership of CIEEM or willingness to work towards it.
- A strong professional network within the ecology and conservation sectors.

How to Apply

To apply, contact Wendy Marsh with your CV at wendy@greenwillowsassociates.co.uk.