

Volunteer Role Description

Role title

'Showing People Wildlife' volunteer

Purpose of your role

To raise interest in and awareness of Norfolk's wildlife by showing members of the public / visitors to sites some of Norfolk's most spectacular wildlife events, for example:

- Great Crested Grebes' courtship displays in March/April at Hickling and Ranworth Broads
- Marsh Harriers passing food to each other at Cley Marshes and Hickling Broad April to June
- Ospreys fishing at Ranworth Broad in the autumn
- Stone Curlews breeding at Weeting Heath in March and April
- Swallowtail butterflies emerging at Hickling and Ranworth Broads in June and July
- · Starling murmurations at Hickling Broad in the autumn and winter
- Marsh harriers coming in to roost at Stubb Mill raptor viewpoint from November to February
- Barn Owls hunting at Cley Marshes, Hickling Broad and Holme Dunes in autumn and winter
- Little Terns breeding at Holme Dunes in June and July
- Bearded tits at Cley Marshes

Or other wildlife spectacles that you have knowledge of or interest in and can be shown safely and without disturbance to wildlife at accessible sites in Norfolk

Type of work you will be involved with

- Finding the best places to show people particular wildlife behaviours and events
- Ensuring equipment such as scopes and binoculars are available to enhance the enjoyment of the spectacles being highlighted (these will be provided by NWT)
- Giving people detailed information about the spectacle, and enthusing them about what they are seeing
- Telling people what other wildlife watching opportunities are available to them locally
- Encouraging a caring and responsible attitude to wildlife viewing and support for wildlife conservation and the work of NWT

Skills and abilities you will be using in your role

- In-depth knowledge of the subject matter it would be an advantage if you already have this, but it can be taught
- Good communication skills
- Friendly, outgoing and confident in dealing with people of all ages
- Knowledge of and enthusiasm for wildlife and conservation
- Strong wildlife ID skills would be an advantage
- Ability to work alone and to use own initiative, as you may be required to be on a reserve outside the main season (April to October)

You will be based at

NWT reserves across Norfolk, or other accessible locations with wildlife spectacles in well-visited places

Times/days we would like you to be available

Flexible – you decide what days and times you want to be in your chosen location, but at least one day per week / minimum commitment of 10 days a year would be desirable

Benefits to you

- Development of skills in interpreting wildlife in interesting and informative ways
- Opportunity to learn/enhance/share local knowledge of wildlife and conservation
- Volunteering at one of NWTs beautiful nature reserves, or at other locations in Norfolk
- Become a valued member of a professional team
- Travel expenses
- Training provided as required

Your supervisor :

Volunteer Coordinator

Other key NWT relationships

Visitor Centre Coordinators, other NWT volunteers

Notes/Special requirements

Own transport and own optical equipment – binoculars and/or scope - are desirable. Further binoculars and/or scopes can be provided.