

Bird Alliance of Central Indiana Volunteers - Conservation Team

The BACI **Conservation Team** finds purpose in rolling up their sleeves and getting their hands dirty! They complete restoration projects and plantings, park beautification, climate surveys, and bird surveys across Central Indiana, with tangible results.

As a Conservation Team member, you're helping to reverse bird declines by creating habitat and monitoring populations of the species who call Central Indiana home through the year.

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Climate Watch Surveys

Description: Climate Watch is a citizen science project run by the National Audubon Society to learn about how North American birds are adapting to climate change! Ages 18+, requires a bit more independence. Small groups are invited, but no more than 5 volunteers per group, so that birds are not scared off!

Skillsets

Bird ID (sight)

Bird ID (sound)

Data Skills

Work Type

Field Work

Data Collection

Work Locations

Park/Preserve

Field

Urban

Access Considerations: Climate Watch requires ability to see and/or hear birds for identification and survey purposes. Volunteers may partner for this if needed. Volunteers will stand or sit one one place for the duration of the survey, in varying light conditions and cold or hot/humid weather.

Event Frequency: Summer Survey is 5/15 to 6/15. Winter Season is 1/15-2/15

Frequency of Assignment: New and return volunteers are encouraged, as well as return volunteers who may lead in new locations.

Orientation/Guide? Pat is the regional coordinator. Information about the survey can be found though the National Audubon Society at <https://www.audubon.org/community-science/climate-watch>

Relevant City/County: Marion and Hamilton Counties. May add counties at the interest of experienced volunteers.

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Invasive Removal

Description: Join us for invasive plant removal as we work together to restore and protect our local natural areas. Volunteers will help identify and remove multiple invasive plant species that threaten native habitats and reduce biodiversity. Groups may volunteer, with preference in groups that have some knowledge of invasive plants. Age 15+ with adult present.

Skillsets

Plant ID

Physical Strength

Gardening/Restoration

Teamwork

Work Type

Field Work

Physical Activity

Underserved Communities

Work Locations

Park/Preserve

Field

Urban

Access Considerations: this role is physically intensive, requiring long periods of standing, kneeling, heavy lifting, bending, heat/humidity, and light. Vision is required for plant ID, but may assist others who already have identified plants.

Event Frequency: several per season

Frequency of Assignment: repeat volunteers are encouraged for events each season.

Orientation/Guide? plant ID will be taught, with opportunity for future training sessions.

Relevant City/County: Marion County

Park Cleanups

Description: Help keep Central Indiana clean, safe, and enjoyable for everyone, especially our feathered friends! Volunteers will work together to collect litter, remove debris, and help improve the appearance and health of our green spaces. Open to corporations, schools, and other groups. Age 11+ with adult present.

Skillsets

Physical Strength

Teamwork

Work Type

Physical Activity

Underserved Communities

Work Locations

Park/Preserve

Urban

Neighborhood

Access Considerations: this role is moderately physically intensive, requiring long periods of standing, kneeling, heavy lifting, bending, heat/humidity, and light. Must be okay with viewing and handling (with gloves) trash and other “gross” items found.

Event Frequency: once per season, except winter

Frequency of Assignment: as often as interested

Orientation/Guide? N/A

Relevant City/County: Marion

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Native Planting

Description: Join us to plant pollinator-friendly native plants! Learn sustainable gardening practices, and make a positive impact on our local ecosystem and our city! Our native plantings are an ideal project for groups that have some experience in gardening like Master Gardeners, also open to scout groups and possibly corporate groups. Age 15+ with adult present.

Skillsets

Plant ID

Gardening/Restoration

Teamwork

Work Type

Field Work

Physical Activity

Underserved Communities

Work Locations

Park/Preserve

Urban

Access Considerations: this role is physically intensive, requiring long periods of standing, kneeling, heavy lifting, bending, heat/humidity, and light.

Event Frequency: at least once per year

Frequency of Assignment: as often as interested

Orientation/Guide? None

Relevant City/County: Marion County, open to park partnerships in other counties.

Bird Surveys

Description: Help track North American bird populations through citizen science projects! These surveys will include backyard bird surveys, migratory bird surveys, and more! Age 18+, with opportunities for university student groups or birding groups.

Skillsets

Expert Bird ID (sight)

Expert Bird ID (sound)

Data Skills

Communication

Work Type

Field Work

Data Collection

Work Locations

Park/Preserve

Urban

Rural

Access Considerations: this role requires ability to see and/or hear for bird ID. Surveys may take place indoor or outdoor, standing, walking, or sitting. More info as dates are planned.

Event Frequency: once per season, more to be added

Frequency of Assignment: regular volunteers encouraged, as often as interested

Orientation/Guide? Not currently

Relevant City/County: Marion, Hamilton. May add counties at the interest of experienced volunteers.