

Position: Breeding Bird Atlas Seasonal Technicians (2+)

Employer: NY Breeding Bird Atlas III

Location: Various locations in New York State

Country: United States

Last Date to Apply: 15 Feb 2024

Employment Dates: 15 May – 15 August, 2024

Open Until Filled: Yes

**Job Description:** The New York Breeding Bird Atlas III (<https://ebird.org/atlasny>) is looking to hire at least two technicians (possibly more) to conduct atlasing in New York during the summer of 2024 (dates: May 15-Aug 15). Technicians will be responsible for conducting bird surveys in assigned priority blocks, recording breeding codes, and entering these records into eBird. Applicants must be comfortable working alone in remote areas without cell service (emergency satellite beacon provided). Technicians can expect physically demanding work, long days with early starts, inclement weather, biting insects, and bushwhacking to get to sites. The work schedule will require flexibility in the event of inclement weather but will be no more than 40 hrs/week. This is a great opportunity to unplug outdoors while deepening your understanding of breeding birds.

**Qualifications:** Technicians must be able to identify New York land and water birds by sight and sound. Must have a valid driver's license, reliable vehicle, and be willing to work early mornings and long hours in a variety of conditions. Keen observation and note-taking skills, good communication skills (both written and verbal), and a high level of enthusiasm and energy are also desirable. Will be expected to work independently, follow all atlasing protocols, and navigate by GPS on and off-road. Experience backpacking is a plus.

**Compensation:** Pay starts at \$19-23/hr, depending on education and experience, plus mileage reimbursement at the federal rate. Technicians will be independently contracted with Audubon New York. Technicians are responsible for providing their own smartphone, transportation, and food. Binoculars, camping and backpacking gear, and emergency and first aid equipment are provided. Accommodations will be primarily camping in tents.

**To Apply:** Your application should consist of a brief cover letter describing your interest and qualifications for the position, a 1–2-page resume, and contact information for three professional references, including at least 2 that can attest to your birding skills. Please email your application to Julie Hart at [Julie.hart@dec.ny.gov](mailto:Julie.hart@dec.ny.gov) as a single PDF titled “Lastname\_Atlas2024.pdf” with an email subject of “Atlas Field Technician Application 2024.” We do not discriminate due to an applicant’s race, color, religion, sex, national origin and veteran or disability status.