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## **EDUCATION**

B.S. Animal Science, 2002. Berry College. Mount Berry, GA

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2013-Present	Wildlife Ecologist, Dawn Reis Ecological Studies
2013	Biological Science Technician, Klamath Inventory and Monitoring
	Network, National Park Service
2012-2013	Senior Wildlife Biologist, Swaim Biological, Inc.
2008-2012	Biologist, BioResource Consultants, Inc.
2007-2008	Scientific Aide, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
2004-2007	Biological Science Technician, Channel Islands National Park
2004	Biological Science Technician, Great Basin National Park
2003	Graduate Research Assistant, University of Georgia
2002	Biological Science Technician, Chickasaw National Recreation Area
2001-2002	Co-op student, Georgia Department of Natural Resources

# REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

## 2013-Present Dawn Reis Ecological Studies, Watsonville, CA

- Checked wildlife fencing daily and reported any damages to site supervisor;
- Monitored construction crews for environmental compliance;
- Relocated rescued wildlife to safe area;
- Conducted surveys for dusky-footed woodrats, amphibians, birds, herps, and bats prior to construction activities;
- Maintained daily reports regarding project activities.

# 2013 National Park Service - Klamath Inventory and Monitoring Network, Ashland, OR

- Calibrated instruments for water quality (turbidity, pH, specific conductivity, DO);
- Navigated to sites using a topo map and a GPS;
- Conducted surveys for amphibians and macroinvertebrates;
- Filtered water at site for tests (DOC, Chlorophyll A, and general chemistry) and collected water samples;
- Used digital titration for alkalinity at the site;
- Used ArcMap 10 to map the habitats surrounding each lake;

- Performed zooplankton tows using a Wisconsin style plankton net and dolphin cup;
- Used Trimble to calibrate and record data for the Manta probe;
- Deployed gill net and recorded biological data on any fish caught;
- Recorded flora and fauna surrounding the lakes.

# 2012-2013 Swaim Biological, Inc., Livermore, California

- Conducted bird and bat mortality surveys and bird use surveys at Altamont Wind Resource Area;
- Conducted surveys for California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) and California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*);
- Coordinated with clients for land access;
- Wrote detailed biological assessments for construction projects;
- Attended meetings regarding projects with clients;
- Wrote daily reports regarding work progress;
- Monitored construction crews for environmental compliance;
- Used CNDDB (California Natural Diversity Database) for sensitive species occurrences at project areas.

# 2008-2012 BioResource Consultants, Inc., Ojai, California

- Crew lead for bird and bat mortality study at Pine Tree Wind Park;
- Assisted with native plant restoration;
- Supervised crews of up to four people at a time;
- Data management for all data gathered at Pine Tree Wind Park;
- Assisted with writing technical reports;
- Conducted nesting bird surveys throughout southern California;
- Conducted surveys for sensitive wildlife and plant species throughout southern California;
- Conducted water monitoring at construction sites for environmental compliance;
- Conducted surveys for burrowing owls and desert tortoise;
- Captured and radio tagged southwestern pond turtles (*Emys marmorata*) to study home range;
- Trained new employees on projects;
- Technical report writing;
- Used CNDDB for sensitive species occurrences at project areas;
- Maintained records and maintenance on company's fleet of vehicles;
- Maintained equipment inventory.

## 2007-2008 California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Los Banos, California

- Conducted waterfowl surveys for bird usage study;
- Conducted QA/QC on water quality monitoring stations;
- Assisted with soil sampling for salinity mapping;
- Updated firmware on water quality monitoring stations;

- Assisted with installation of MACE flow sensor;
- Assisted with mist netting and banding of songbirds on wildlife area;
- Assisted with deer and raptor surveys on wildlife areas;
- Operated check station in the evening (running lottery for next hunt day, answering questions, checking licenses);
- Checked hunters to make sure they abided by state hunting regulations;
- Assisted with junior waterfowl and pheasant hunts;
- Obtained samples from ducks for Avian Influenza testing.

# 2004-2007 United States National Park Service, Ventura, California

- Conducted snowy plover surveys (*Charadrius nivosus*) on Santa Rosa and san Miguel Islands;
- Conducted small mammal grid trapping on San Miguel Island;
- Assisted with herp cover board grid on San Miguel Island;
- Monitored island fox (*Urocyon littoralis*) locations and movements;
- Trapped wild foxes to radio collar, pit tag, and check general health;
- Set up and monitored remote sensing cameras to get estimate on number of pups born;
- Assisted with writing ATV standard operating procedures (SOP);
- Responsible for the daily maintenance of the captive island fox facilities, including feeding, sanitation and behavioral enrichment;
- Provided routine veterinary care to sick or injured island foxes;
- Participated in health and wellness examination and vaccination of captive island foxes;
- Maintained records on captive and wild foxes;
- Trapped island spotted skunks (*Spilogale gracilis amphiala*) for population estimate;
- Trained new employees in care, capture, and handling of foxes;
- Wrote weekly reports to wildlife biologist;
- Orchestrated schedules for on island staff and private lease holders.

# 2004 United States National Park Service, Baker, Nevada

- Monitored remote sensing cameras in Death Valley;
- Used snares to capture reptiles;
- Worked as a team member documenting springs in park;
- Helped maintain scientific equipment;
- Collected water samples, performed water quality tests, and followed spring protocols;
- Entered spring data into Microsoft Access;
- Conducted electrofishing for trout surveys;
- Assisted with application of piscicide (Antimycin) for removal of non-native trout;
- Accurately identified flora-surrounding springs;

- Accurately identified birds by sound and sight for point count surveys;
- Used GPS locations and cataloged photographs of springs.

## 2003 University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

- Captured, radio collared, and banded quail;
- Determined weight, age, and sex of quail;
- Captured broods to measure chick survival and growth rate;
- Set up and monitored predator scent stations;
- Used radio telemetry to track and record habitat use;
- Performed vegetation sampling including basal area estimation with a prism and canopy cover using a spherical densiometer at nest and brood areas for microhabitat selection;
- Used GPS and Arc View to map habitat types;
- Entered data collected into Excel;
- Used ATV for tracking Northern Bobwhite (*Colinus virginianus*) and mapping areas.

# 2002 United States National Park Service, Sulphur, Oklahoma

- Assisted with Bison herd management;
- Consulted with other agencies (Fish and Wildlife Service) about their Bison herd management;
- Assisted with white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) spotlight survey and compiled results;
- Used Generation III night vision for white-tailed spotlight survey.
- Set up and monitored remote sensing wildlife cameras;
- Used GPS to plot location of wildlife camera and exotic plants:
- Assisted with mapping, identifying, and treatment of Red Imported Fire Ants (*Solenopsis invitca*) mounds;
- Installed electric fence to divide Bison pasture for native plant rehabilitation;
- Gathered and prepared specimens for shipment to lab to be tested for West Nile Virus.

## 2001-2002 Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Armuchee, Georgia

- Captured and banded ducks and geese;
- Assisted with capture of a nuisance alligator;
- Captured nuisance raccoons, groundhogs, and opossums;
- Installed, repaired, cleaned out, and documented wood duck box nesting information;
- Assisted with wildlife management area deer hunts- weigh, tag, age;
- Planted food plots on Berry WMA and Arrowhead WMA;
- Assisted with prescribed burns at Arrowhead WMA;
- Worked with game wardens to maintain and improve wildlife management areas;

• Operated and maintained tractors and implements.

## 2000-2001 Zoo Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia

- Coordinated with panda keepers for daily bamboo feeding;
- Identified bamboo species for panda's consumption while performing site evaluations;
- Presented bamboo presentations to Boy Scout Troops;
- Coordinated with area landowners to identify new food sources;
- Trained Bamboo Supervisor on field techniques;
- Supervised crews of up to seven people;
- Maintained equipment and vehicles.

## **CERTIFICATES & LICENSES**

- Desert Tortoise handling workshop
- San Joaquin Kit fox workshop
- Driver's License, State of California, Expires May 2015
- Red Card- Issued 6/2004
- S-130/ S-190 (Basic Wild Land Fire Training), S-212 (Class A Sawyer)
- NAUI certified Open Water diver
- NAUI certified Rescue diver
- NAUI certified Advanced diver
- CPR, First Aid, AED (exp 2015)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Condor nest monitoring 2007 USFWS, Sespe Wilderness
- Steel-head trout seining 2012 Don Alley and Associates, Capitola Creek
- Identification and removal of exotic plants 2013, Land Trust of Santa Cruz County
- Catching and processing Pacific sanddabs for reproduction study 2013, NOAA Santa Cruz
- Processing mid-water trawls for rock fish recruitment study 2013, NOAA Santa Cruz