



Summer Naturalist Positions: The BC Parks iNaturalist Project



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In partnership with BC Parks and the [BC Parks Foundation](#), we ([Brian Starzomski](#), University of Victoria, and [John Reynolds](#), Simon Fraser University) are looking to hire 3-5 naturalists, and perhaps more pending further funding, to survey the flora and fauna of [BC Provincial Parks and beyond](#), using the community science platform [iNaturalist](#). We will build on a very successful track record with [this project](#) over the last three years. The positions are subject to availability of funds in the BC provincial budget, with a salary of \$2500-3000/month (plus field expenses) from May through August, with possibility of an earlier start or an extension.

Tasks

- Conduct species surveys in parks and other regions across the province, and upload data from your computer (90%)
- Engage in public outreach, including bioblitzes (10%)

If you are especially interested in interacting with the public on outreach and education initiatives in Parks, you may want to consider this position instead: [BC Parks Foundation Discover Parks Ambassador](#).

Necessary Skills

- Remote First Aid (20-hour certification) and Class 5 Driver's Licence
- Experience with the community science app iNaturalist
- Extensive hiking, camping, backpacking experience
- Strong natural history skills with a variety of taxa & good photography skills
- Excellent logistical and safety skills

Assets (but not strictly necessary)

- Your own camera
- Your own vehicle (to help maintain COVID-19 physical distancing guidelines)

If you don't like rain, heat, camping, bugs, hiking, and remote places, this job is not for you!

To apply, please send the following to bc.inaturalist@gmail.com, with the subject line "BC Parks iNat Project":

- (1) a cover letter stating how you meet each of the above criteria, including identification ability with plants and various animal groups.
- (2) a CV that includes your first aid certifications, iNaturalist ID, and contact details for 3 references; and
- (3) unofficial transcripts.

Application deadline: January 24, 2022. Positions are subject to availability of funding and COVID-19 protocols in British Columbia.