

EXPLORE WILDLIFE CAREERS

WHAT ARE CAREERS IN WILDLIFE?

Professionals in wildlife management and care address national and international issues that affect the current and future status of wildlife throughout the world. A career in this field requires extensive preparation and long hours of hard work to acquire knowledge and skills for competitive positions that often require higher education degrees.

KEY SKILLS

- Oral & Written Communication
- Technical Expertise
- Critical Thinking
- Active Listening
- Interpersonal Skills
- Judgement and Decision Making

RELATED STUDENT ORGS

- Wisconsin Society for Conservation Biology
- Wildlife Society Chapter
- Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences

QUALIFICATIONS

- Wildlife Rehabilitation Licensure is required for many types of jobs and will vary by state
- A bachelor's degree is usually enough for most entry-level roles
- Master's degrees are necessary for more advanced roles including project supervising
- Doctorates are suitable for those who wish to enter into a career in academia such as university research and teaching, and they will also be required in industry for those who might desire to manage their own projects

COMMON JOB TITLES

- Zoological Health Assistant
- Wildlife Biologist
- Fish and Game Wardens
- Biological Technicians
- Public Educator/Outreach Specialist

SAMPLE EMPLOYERS

- Wisconsin Dept of Natural Resources
- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Dane County Humane Society
- National Park Service
- Madison Metropolitan School District
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Bio
- Marine Biology
- Fisheries Resources
- Biology: Animal Behavior
- Conservation and Wildlife Management
- Coastal Resources Management