



2026-27 Part-time Naturalist Job Description

[Yolo Basin Foundation](#) is looking for a part-time naturalist to assist with the delivery of *Discover the Flyway*, our K-12th outdoor education program, and our Mobile Visitor Center (MVC) program.

Yolo Basin Foundation (YBF) is dedicated to the appreciation and stewardship of wetlands and wildlife through education and innovative partnerships. *Discover the Flyway*, YBF's environmental education program, is focused on wetlands and wildlife of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area. Its curriculum reflects our mission and is aligned to state science and social science standards. *Discover the Flyway* trains dozens of teachers and offers over 90 field trips every year for students from schools in the Greater Sacramento area. The MVC expands Yolo Basin Foundation's reach to additional community outreach and engagement opportunities. The Mobile Visitor Center will be used and driven to special events and other educational and public gatherings to increase community awareness and enhance use and stewardship of the valuable public land of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area.

Job Description

A part-time naturalist position with Yolo Basin Foundation's *Discover the Flyway* and Mobile Visitor Center programs will provide a wealth of understanding of wetlands, the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area (YBWA), environmental education and interpretation, and the identification of local plants and animals. Through both programs, naturalists will learn and practice techniques for environmental education, interpretation, public speaking, and engaging diverse audiences of all ages.

Primary responsibility of the *Discover the Flyway* naturalist is to lead the *Discover the Flyway* school program at the Yolo Demonstration Wetlands and in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area. Activities take place outdoors in all weather during the school day.

Naturalists have the opportunity to:

- lead the *Discover the Flyway* school program one day per week
- lead *Discover the Flyway* learning activities for small groups of students
- organize and maintain program supplies
- assist with two Teacher Workshops per year
- participate in the off-site school program, *Discover the Flyway* In-class Activities
- Drive and staff the Mobile Visitor Center in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area and other special events

Work Days and Hours

- Schedule: 12 - 18 hours per week
- Program Dates: September 1 - June 9
- Regular Work Schedule: Wednesday, Thursday, and one weekend day per month
- Evening & Weekend Hours: Some evening and weekend shifts may be scheduled based on organizational activities, events, and staffing needs
- Additional Hours: Opportunities for additional days and hours are available based on program needs

Qualifications

Natural sciences or education coursework; experience working with children in an outdoor setting preferred; knowledge of wetland habitats and animal and plant species or an interest in learning; experience or interest in environmental education; willing to work outdoors in all kinds of weather; public speaking and organized writing skills. A valid California driver's license is required. Candidates who have a flexible schedule and are able to commit for an entire academic year are desired.

Requirements

Once hired, completion of a LiveScan background check and the following online training programs are required: Abuse Risk Management (ENG), Duty to Report: Mandated Reporter (ENG), Keeping Your Day Camp Safe.

Additional Information

This is a part-time position for the 2026-27 school year. Hourly wage is \$18 - \$20.

How to Apply

Please send a cover letter and resume to Heidi Satter, hsatter@yolobasin.org.

About [Yolo Basin Foundation](#)

Yolo Basin Foundation was established to aid in the creation of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area (YBWA). Through partnerships, the YBWA was completed and opened to the public in 1998. The 16,800-acre Wildlife Area is the focus of many of the Foundation's activities, including the *Discover the Flyway* school program, monthly wetland tours, and the *Bat Talk and Tour* program. *Discover the Flyway* education staff have the opportunity to foster land stewardship and provide information to students about wetland habitats.