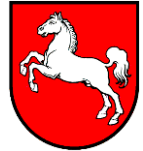




Institut für Vogelforschung

„Vogelwarte Helgoland“
Wilhelmshaven



Job advertisement

To strengthen our team, we are looking for an

Animal caretaker (m/f/d) (100% E5 TV-L)

At the Institute of Avian Research “Vogelwarte Helgoland” (IAR), a permanent full-time position as an animal caretaker is to be filled at the Wilhelmshaven site as soon as possible. The range of species studied at the IAR includes quail, and songbirds such as blackcaps and robins.

Your responsibilities

- Feeding, care and health monitoring of birds in captivity
- Carrying out hygiene measures (e.g., cleaning cages, aviaries, housing areas, food containers, and drinking systems)
- Design and maintenance of aviaries.
- Ordering and preparing species-appropriate food mixtures
- Organization and management of breeding programs for songbirds and quail, including maintaining breeding records and stock overviews
- Hand-rearing of insectivorous songbirds
- Regular weighing of the birds according to guidelines, including maintaining weight records
- Active participation in the institute’s animal welfare committee

Your profile

- You have successfully completed vocational training as an animal caretaker and possess solid expertise in bird care
- Humane and responsible treatment of animals and adherence to high hygiene standards are required
- Experience in keeping and hand-rearing insectivorous songbirds is an advantage
- You are very flexible and able to improvise when situations require it
- Willingness to work weekends and public holidays is part of your routine
- You are interested in further professional and personal development
- You are confident in using digital data management tools
- You are open-minded, have good teamwork and organizational skills, and are willing to work in an international team. This includes good German language skills and a basic knowledge of English

We offer

- A long-term perspective through a permanent position in the public sector
- Salary in accordance with the collective agreement up to pay grade 5 TV-L, depending on the assigned duties and fulfillment of personal qualifications
- A special annual payment at the end of the year as well as occupational pension benefits (VBL)
- An interesting and varied job in a pleasant working atmosphere with a dedicated and motivated international team

We welcome applications from candidates (m/f/d) of all nationalities. At the same time, we welcome applications from disabled persons and will give them preference in cases of equal suitability. Please indicate this already in your application and include supporting documentation. Furthermore, we work on the basis of the Lower Saxony Equal Rights Act (NGG) to fulfil our equality mandate. Therefore, we are particularly pleased to receive applications from women.

Please send your application by **11 May 2026**, either by post or e-mail to:

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Interviews are scheduled for 21 May 2026.

Note: Unfortunately, application costs cannot be reimbursed. Application documents will be destroyed four weeks after the completion of the recruitment process. Further information on data protection in the application process can be found at: <https://ifv-vogelwarte.de/generische-navigation/datenschutz>