

# VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION



<b>Volunteer Role / Title</b>
Osprey Watch Volunteer
<b>Location</b>
Loch of the Lowes
<b>How many volunteers are needed?</b>
As many as wish to be involved
<b>On what date do we want you to start?</b>
Dates are dependent on when first osprey egg has been laid. Typically, early April
<b>End Date</b> (if applicable)
1 week after eggs have hatched, usually by the end of May.
<b>Minimum commitment we require from you (eg 1 day per week for 6 months). If any.</b>
Minimum 1-4 per fortnight.
<b>Objective(s) of your volunteer role</b>
To provide monitoring support to the Species Protections Officer and Ranger throughout the 'Osprey Watch' season.
<b>Tasks</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To monitor for the nesting ospreys for any incidence of disturbance.</li><li>• To observe the behaviour and movements of the ospreys.</li><li>• Record observations using tablet-based app.</li><li>• Communicate with other staff members and volunteers.</li><li>• To speak to visitors in an informative and friendly manner.</li><li>• To record other wildlife when observed.</li><li>• To act as an ambassador for the work of The Trust.</li></ul>

<b>Description of the personal attributes/skills/qualifications required</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good wildlife ID skills (or a willingness to improve wildlife ID)</li> <li>• Willingness to work unsociable hours and in cold weather</li> <li>• Availability over the duration of the nesting season</li> <li>• Good communication skills</li> <li>• Positive, cooperative attitude</li> <li>• Ability to engage members of the public in a welcoming and informative manner</li> <li>• Ability to work as part of a team</li> <li>• Willingness to use simple tablet-based app to record osprey behaviour</li> </ul>
<b>Support/training?</b>
Full induction, on the job training and support will be provided
<b>Who is the contact person/line manager for enquiries?</b>
Sara 'Raz' Rasmussen - Perthshire Ranger; 01350 727 337 <a href="mailto:perthshireranger@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk">perthshireranger@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk</a>
<b>Closing date for applications</b>
End of March, although applications during osprey season may be considered.
<b>When will interviews be held?</b>
We will contact applicants and to arrange a meeting with the Ranger.
<b>Can SWT provide expenses e.g. for travel or branded clothing?</b>
Branded clothing available during shift time. No other expenses available
<b>Will you want references for volunteers before appointing or PVG disclosure?</b>
Yes
<b>Other (Any age restriction, lifts available? Disabled access?)</b>
The visitor centre is fully accessible; however, monitoring takes place from a hide at the top of a steep flight of outdoor stairs.