



POSITION APPLICATION PACK

Experienced Animal Keeper – Bird, Ectotherm and Invertebrate Team

Thank you for your interest in the above position. The following information will assist you in completing the application process and we look forward to receiving your application.

Position Advertisement:

Set in 80 hectares, Orana Wildlife Park (Christchurch) is New Zealand's only open range zoo. The Park is home to 400 animals representing over 70 different species. The focus of our collection is New Zealand native fauna and African savannah animals. In 2015 Orana completed the biggest project in its history – a \$6M Great Ape Centre that is home to New Zealand's only gorillas and orang-utans! Orana is currently part way through an exciting development plan to ensure that the Park continues to evolve and develop into the future. Planning is advanced on our next major capital project – a new Native Species Centre, a state of the art incubation and chick rearing facility showcasing a range of native species that will enable Orana to make a greater contribution to New Zealand species conservation. Additionally, a Maud Island Frog Habitat is due for completion soon. Operated as a charitable trust, Orana fulfils an important role in managed, zoo-based breeding programmes and is involved in Department of Conservation breed for release recovery programmes for endangered New Zealand species including whio, pateke and orange-fronted kakariki and is involved in the captive component of the kiwi programme.

We are seeking to employ a suitable person for the above position. You will need to be a highly driven and energetic individual with a passion for wildlife.

The ideal applicant will need to possess the following skills and attributes:

- At least five years' experience with a focus on avian, reptilian and/or amphibian husbandry.
- Knowledge and experience in pest control/trapping is highly desirable. A firearms license is considered an advantage.
- High level of physical fitness with good practical and maintenance skills, for example aviary maintenance, tree pruning and general horticultural knowledge.
- Strong interest in the conservation of New Zealand's native fauna.
- Responsible mature attitude and team player.
- A Unitec "Care of Captive Wild Animals" certificate would be considered an advantage.

Duties will include:

- Providing a high standard of daily care and welfare to a variety of birds, reptiles and amphibians.
- Daily behavioural observations, health checks and record keeping.
- Involvement in breeding programmes for threatened native species, e.g. whio, pateke and kiwi, including artificial egg incubation and chick rearing.
- Conducting fun and informative presentations to educate and engage visitors.
- Native planting and predator control.
- Maintenance of aviaries, enclosures and surrounding habitats.

The working week for the position is yet to be determined and will involve working full time, 80 hours across two weeks and will include some weekend work. Hours of work are 8:30am to 5:00pm. Salary will be in accordance with skills and experience. If you wish to apply, then we invite you to request an application pack by telephone (03 359 7109) or email (info@oranawildlifepark.co.nz). All applications must be submitted on the official application form included in the pack **by 5 pm, Friday 7th June 2019**. Applications can be posted to: Manager of Birds and Ectotherms, Orana Wildlife Park, PO Box 5130, Christchurch 8542, or emailed to us at info@oranawildlifepark.co.nz. Applications will be reviewed as they are received.