



**Birds of Prey Programme (BOPP): Vulture Safe Zone Intern**  
**Closing date: 26 February 2020**

**Purpose of the position:** The Endangered Wildlife Trust is one of the largest biodiversity conservation NGOs in southern Africa and, through various programme is seeking to provide exposure for young conservation professionals to the conservation sector. Interns will provide assistance and support for core conservation work within the organisation, including activities such as administrative support, biological and statistical data analyses, assistance with scientific publication, field data collection method design and a wide variety of other interesting and challenging tasks. This internship is particularly suited to an individual in their early career who wants to use and hone their skills to make a difference.

The successful candidate will conduct work for the EWT-BOPP as the Karoo Vulture Safe Zone (VSZ) Intern. The work will be centred on engaging with farmers and landowners throughout our focal VSZ site to establish key threats to vultures and other wildlife and receive commitment from a large network of individuals to manage their properties in a vulture-friendly manner. This body of work will be fundamental for the establishment of our Karoo VSZ.

**Key responsibilities:**

Conservation work:

- Landowner engagements and surveys.
  - Conduct systematic surveys to establish the presence and extent of threats to vultures on properties and land across the proposed central Karoo VSZ.
  - Engage with local farmer unions and nature reserves to introduce the project and raise awareness around the key threats to vultures within the central Karoo VSZ.
  - Work with farmers and landowners to sign pledges to manage their properties in a vulture-friendly manner and declare their properties vulture safe zones.
- Awareness Campaign
  - Work across the Karoo to raise awareness for the project and highlight the key threats to vultures across our Karoo VSZ.
- Respond to vulture and other wildlife incidents, including poisoning, powerline collisions, reservoir drownings and assist with issues involving human wildlife conflict.
- Work closely with our senior field officer and SANParks around the Camdeboo and Mountain Zebra National Parks, as part of the Mountain Zebra Camdeboo Protected Environment (MZCPE) initiative. We will work with SANParks to adapt this initiative to include the activities needed to declare safe zones for vultures at each site.

**The minimum requirements for this position will include:**

- An exceptionally organised and competent person with a passion for conservation;
- A desire to learn and grow as an individual;
- Excellent report-writing skills;
- Excellent communication skills in English and Afrikaans;
- Good people skills and approachable manner;

- Proficiency in all Microsoft Office programmes, experience with databases is an advantage.
- Adaptable and flexible application of skills in the working environment;
- Ability to work both as a team member and independently;
- High degree of self-motivation and pro-activity, good administrative skills;
- Disciplined, and energetic;

**Interpersonal skills:**

- Disciplined, innovative and energetic.
- Fluency in at least English.
- The ability to work both independently and as part of team.
- Strong communication and people skills and an approachable manner.

This position will be based at the EWT Central Karoo (Graaf-Rienet). The Endangered Wildlife Trust is an equal opportunity employer. To apply, please email your CV and a detailed letter of motivation of why you are the best candidate for this position to: Emma Chisare, the Human Resource Assistant, [emmac@dewt.org.za](mailto:emmac@dewt.org.za). Applicants who have not been contacted within 10 days of the closing date must please assume that their applications were not successful. The EWT reserves the right not to make an appointment. All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence. Closing date: 26 February 2020.