



JOB POSTING

Pinery Field Assistant: Butterfly Species at Risk Recovery

OVERVIEW

In Ontario, the Mottled Duskywing is listed as Endangered, a status which was precipitated by historical loss and fragmentation of oak savanna habitat and other human induced pressures. The Ontario Butterfly Species at Risk Recovery Team reintroduced Mottled Duskywing to Pinery Provincial Park in 2021. This was chosen as the first location for reintroduction because of the quality and extent of suitable habitat present, the park's protected status, and the dedication of Ontario Parks to maintaining the oak savanna habitats within the park. We are seeking enthusiastic, up-and-coming field ecologists to join our 2026 field team to monitor introduced Mottled Duskywing in the park. Assistants will work closely with Dr. Ryan Norris (University of Guelph) and biologists at Wildlife Preservation Canada and Natural Resource Solutions Inc. to conduct butterfly distance sampling and habitat surveys. Accommodation provided on site.

WORK SCHEDULE AND DURATION

- Start date: July 6th, 2026 (flexible that week)
- Contract duration: 8 weeks
- 37.5 hours per week
- Weekend work may be required due to inclement weather on weekdays

REQUIREMENTS

- Post-secondary education in biological sciences or related field
- Strong interest in conservation, ecology, species at risk recovery
- Plant ID skills an asset
- Prior field experience an asset
- Ability to work independently with limited supervision
- Demonstrated flexibility
- Demonstrated accuracy and attention to detail
- Excellent work ethic, dependability, positive attitude essential
- Valid Standard First Aid/CPR an asset
- Police Background Check
- **Candidates must be enrolled in full-time studies in the fall**

If you are interested in this position, please forward your resume, a cover letter, and contact information for 2–3 references, indicating "Pinery Field Assistant" in the subject line to Ryan Norris (rnorris@uofguelph.ca) and Jessica Linton (jlinton@nrsi.on.ca) by July 3, 2026. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interviews.

