



What Can I Do With a Major In WILDLIFE (with optional Pre-Vet track)?

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The information below describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major.
Some of the options listed below may require additional training.
Moreover, you are not limited to these options alone when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Wildlife

The Wildlife major meets the educational requirements for Certified Wildlife Biologists, as stipulated by The Wildlife Society. A Pre-Vet option also enables students to fulfill all requirements needed to apply for Veterinary School while obtaining a wildlife degree. Wildlife Biologists determine the biological and ecological conditions required for maintenance of healthy populations of game and non-game species, tend these species, and manage their environments to meet wildlife conservation objectives.

Courses in biology and ecology provide a basic understanding of wildlife populations while courses in botany and forestry are required because of their importance in managing wildlife habitats. The course work is broad-based, furnishing an understanding of the interrelationships among the physical and biological elements of the natural environment, an appreciation of the social, political, and economics forces that influence wildlife management, and the ability to analyze natural resource problems to forge realistic solutions. The Wildlife program is recognized as one of the premier programs in the country.

Possible Job Titles of Wildlife Graduates

Animal Caretaker	Forest Technician	Research Assistant
Animal Control Officer	Forester	Research Technician
Animal Damage Specialist	GIS Technician	Veterinarian Assistant
Biological Technician	Hunting Guide	Veterinarian
Conservation Assistant	Lab Technician	Wildlife Biologist
Ecologist	Land Manager	Wildlife Consultant
Endangered Species Biologist	Naturalist	Wildlife Rehabilitator
Environmental Educator	Park Ranger	Wildlife Research Technician
Environmental Scientist	Ranch Manager	Wildlife Technician
Environmental Specialist	Refuge Manager	Zoo Personnel

To research careers of interest, you may want to visit these web sites:

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

O*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)

***Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant if you need additional information or assistance.**

Possible Employers Who Might Hire Wildlife Graduates

Aquascope Environmental	Georgia Wildlife Federation	United States Navy
Athens Clarke Co. Control Div.	Joel Vinson & Associates	Universities
Bear Hollow Wildlife Trail	Jones Ecological Research Center	US Geological Services
Conservation Organizations	Public Land Management	USDA Forest Service
Consulting Firms	Regulatory Agencies	USDA Wildlife Services
Critter Control	Sandy Creek Nature Center	Wetland & Ecological Consult.
Fulton Co Dept of Environment	SE Coop Wildlife Disease	Wildlife Habitat Council
GA Dept. of Natural Resources	TRU Tech Inc.	Wilson Outdoor Center
Game Plantations	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Zoo Atlanta
Georgia Pacific	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	

Career Center Library Resources for Fisheries Majors

2004 Federal Employment from A to Z by Federal Research Service

Working with Wildlife by Maynard, Thane

Outdoor Careers: 2nd Edition by Shenk, Ellen

Campus Resources

Warnell School Student Organizations: <http://www.warnell.uga.edu/h/campuslife/h/campuslife/organizations>

American Fisheries Society – UGA Student Chapter

American Water Resources Association

Forestry Club

Natural Resources Recreation & Tourism Society

Society of American Foresters

The Wildlife Society

Soil and Water Conservation Society

University of Georgia Herpetological Society

Strategies

- Practice excellent communication skills.
- Develop physical stamina, outdoor skills and comfort being in close proximity with large and small animals.
- Advanced degrees are often required in these positions, especially for research and teaching.
- Gain extensive laboratory and research experience.
- Become familiar with federal job application procedure for government work.
- Gain work experience in area of interest through internships, summer jobs, or part-time work.
- Be prepared to relocate to areas with abundant natural resources.

Employment Websites

Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources Job Site

<http://jobs.forestry.uga.edu/>

Texas A&M Wildlife and Fisheries Job Board

<http://wfsc.tamu.edu/jobboard/index.htm>

The Wildlife Society Jobs

<http://www.wildlife.org/jobs/index.cfm>

Environmental Jobs and Careers

<http://www.ejobs.org/>

Association of Zoos & Aquariums job listings

<http://www.aza.org/JobListings/>

Making the Difference (Federal Jobs & Internships)

<http://www.makingthedifference.org>

USA Jobs

<http://www.usajobs.com/>

Additional Resources

The Wildlife Society

<http://www.wildlife.org/>

US Fish and Wildlife Service

<http://www.fws.gov/>

National Wildlife Federation

<http://www.nwf.org/>

Partners for Amphibian and Reptile Conservation

<http://www.parcplace.org>

Wildlife Conservation Society

<http://wcs.org/>

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

<http://www.nfwf.org/>

Georgia DNR, Wildlife Resources Division

<http://georgiawildlife.dnr.state.ga.us/>

Georgia Wildlife Federation

<http://www.gwf.org/>