

FIELD ASSISTANTS NEEDED!

CHARACTERIZING HABITAT REQUIREMENTS OF AN IMPERILED BUTTERFLY

LATE APRIL –
MID JUNE 2009



Two field-assistants needed late-April to mid-June for an investigation of Mardon skipper ecology in the South Puget Sound prairies near Olympia, WA. The Mardon skipper is a rare and threatened butterfly about which very little is known. This project will characterize the habitat and oviposition (egg laying) sites selected by the butterflies as well as determine the overwintering stage of the butterfly. Assistants will perform behavioral observations with binoculars to identify oviposition locations and help with extensive vegetation sampling. Previous experience with butterflies and knowledge of Pacific Northwest prairie vegetation preferred. Applicant must have strong work ethic, previous experience with binoculars, and interest in learning to identify grasses.

To apply please send a cover letter, resume/CV, and a letter of reference from at least two references to: Erica Henry, Washington State University Vancouver, 14204 NE Salmon Creek Ave, Vancouver, WA 98686 or erica_henry@wsu.edu. Please call 360-546-9082 for more information. Application review will begin March 25th and continue until positions are filled. Information on the Conservation Biology lab at WSU Vancouver can be found at: <http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/programs/sci/schultz.html>

