

What can I do with a major in “Avian Biology”?

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This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Avian Biology

Birds play an increasingly important part in human economy and society. Domesticated birds provide food, feathers and companionship; wild birds are significant players in nearly every terrestrial ecosystem. Avian science majors consider birds as both economically and environmentally important organisms. Bird biology, behavior, productivity and management are all subjects avian science majors study in detail. Graduates may work with food birds such as chickens; with birds kept as companions or in aviaries; with game bird populations or with wild birds in any part of the world.

Research Careers

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 Job Titles of Avian Biology Graduates

Aviculturist	Exhibit Caretaker	School Teacher
Artist/Illustrator	Lobbyist	Systemetist
Author of Field Guides	Museum Curator	Wildlife Manager
Cage Bird Breeder	Museum Specialist	Wildlife Rehabilitator
Columnist	Natural History Writer	Tour Leader
Conservation Biologist	Ornithologist	University professor
Ecologist	Park Ranger	Zoo Curator
Editor	Photographer	Zoologist
Environmental Educator	Research Specialist	

Possible Employers of Avian Biology Graduates

Animal Shelters	Museums	Public Schools
Colleges & Universities	Nature Centers	Research organizations
Eco-tourism Companies	Newspapers	Science or Nature Book Publishers
Federal or State Parks	Non-Profit Organizations	Zoos

Career Center Library Resources

2004 Federal Employment from A to Z by Federal Research Service

2004 Regional Life Science Employment Directory by Peak Publishing

Agricultural Research: Solving Problems for the Growing World by U.S. Department of Agriculture

Metro Atlanta BioScience Industry and Georgia Company Directory by Metro Atlanta BioScience Council

Opportunities in Science Technician Careers by Chirico, JoAnn

Opportunities in Research and Development by Goldberg, Jan

Campus Resources

College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences- <http://www.caes.uga.edu>

Clubs & Organizations: <http://www.caes.uga.edu/academics/organizations.html>

Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity

Sigma Alpha Sorority

Poultry Science Club

Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS)

Employment Websites

UGA DAWGlink (career.uga.edu) - <https://uga-csm.symplicity.com/students/index.php>

AgCareers.com - <http://agcareers.com>

Making the Difference (Federal Jobs & Internships) - <http://www.makingthedifference.org>

U.S. Office of Personnel Management - <http://www.opm.gov/>

Additional Resources for Avian Biology Majors

American Association of Zoo Veterinarians - <http://www.aazv.org/>

National Wildlife Rehabilitation Association - <http://www.nwrawildlife.org/>

International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council - <http://www.iwrc-online.org/>

The Waterbird Society - <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/ornith/ornithsoc.html>

Poultry Science Association - <http://www.poultryscience.org/>

World Poultry Science Association - <http://www.wpsa.com/>

American Association of Avian Pathologists - <http://www.aaap.info/>

National Audubon Society - <http://www.audubon.org/>

International Bird Rescue Research Center - <http://www.ibrrc.org/>

Journal of Avian Biology - <http://www.wiley.com/bw/journal.asp?ref=0908-8857&site=1>

Agriculture Future of America - <http://www.agfuture.org/>