

## What can I do with a major in

# Avian Biology

## The University of Georgia Career Center

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*This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand that 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.

### Researching Job Titles and Careers

**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)

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

**Career Insider: Vault Guides** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (Under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

**Candid Career** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (View professionals speaking about their careers under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

### Possible Job Titles

Aviculturist	Field Technician	School Teacher
Author of Field Guides	Lobbyist	Site Interpreter
Avian Habitat Ecologist	Museum Curator	Systemetist
Biological Science Technician	Museum Specialist	Veterinarian Assistant
Cage Bird Breeder	Natural History Writer	Wildlife Biologist
Columnist	Ornithologist	Wildlife Manager
Conservation Biologist	Park Ranger	Wildlife Rehabilitator
Ecologist	Photographer	Tour Leader
Editor	Quality Control Manager	University professor
Environmental Educator	Raptor Migration Observers	Zoo Curator
Exhibit Caretaker	Research Biologist	Zoologist
Field Research Assistant	Research Specialist	

### Possible Employers

American Bird Conservancy	Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences	Shoal Creek Animal Clinic
Animal Shelters	Museums	Sutton Avian Research Center
Colleges & Universities	National Audubon Society	The Cornell Lab of Ornithology
Ducks Unlimited	National Wildlife Federation	The Institute for Bird Populations
Eco-tourism Companies	Nature Centers	The Nature Conservancy
Ecological Consulting Firms	Newspapers	The Peregrine Fund
Federal or State Parks	Non-Profit Organizations	The Purple Martin Conservation Association
Fieldale Farms Corporation	PRBO Conservation Science	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Georgia Department of Natural Resources	Public Schools	U.S. Geological Survey
HawkWatch International	Research organizations	Wildlife Conservation Society
International Crane Foundation	Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory	Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation
	Science or Nature Book Publishers	Zoos

*To learn what types of positions and companies UGA students are working with, see the UGA Career Center Post Graduation Survey at [www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/](http://www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/) and search for alumni on Linked In at [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com).*

## Campus Resources

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**Animal and Dairy Science Clubs and Organizations-** <http://www.ads.uga.edu/academics/clubs.html>

**Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club-** <http://pre-vet.uga.edu>

**Poultry Science Club**

**College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Clubs and Organizations-** <http://students.caes.uga.edu/athens/organizations.cfm>

**Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS)-** <http://www.caes.uga.edu/academics/manrrs/>

**Alpha Gamma Rho (Men pursuing careers in agriculture)-** <http://www.georgiaagr.com/home>

**Sigma Alpha (Women pursuing careers in agriculture) -** <http://www.ugasigmaalpha.com>

**To find additional clubs and organizations, go to the Center for Student Organizations at-** <http://stuorgs.uga.edu/find/index.html>

**Connect with your Career Consultant** <http://career.uga.edu/contact#careerconsultants>

## Employment Websites

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### GENERAL:

**CareerSearch** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (Research employers by location and/or industry)

**DAWGlink** [www.career.uga.edu/](http://www.career.uga.edu/) (login with your UGA MyID and password)

**GoinGlobal** (To access GoinGlobal, login to your DAWGlink account)

**Idealist** [www.idealist.org/](http://www.idealist.org/) (nonprofit jobs)

**USAJobs** [www.usajobs.gov/](http://www.usajobs.gov/) (federal jobs)

### MAJOR/CAREER SPECIFIC:

**Ornithological Societies of North America-** <http://www.osnabirds.org/jobs.aspx>

**Ornithology Exchange Job Board-** <http://ornithologyexchange.org/jobs/index.html>

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

**National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association Job Board-** <http://www.nwrawildlife.org/job-search>

**Society for Conservation Biology Job Board-** <http://www.conbio.org/professional-development/scb-job-board/>

## Professional Information Resources

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**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/>

**Society for Conservation Biology-** <http://www.conbio.org/>

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

Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. Need help finding groups? Check out the Groups You May Like link under the Interests/Groups tab. Review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

## Additional Career Consultant Recommendations:

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If you are interested in pursuing a graduate degree, check out our website for assistance with this process: <http://bit.ly/1c7fd8P>

If you are considering applying to Veterinarian School, check out this article for specific tips: <http://bit.ly/1hg9MZO>