

Botanist

Interview Video Link: <https://youtu.be/Dwt09I3jUtw>

Job Title: Permanent GS-9 Botanist (with the Army Corp of Engineers at the Fern Ridge office in Junction City, OR)

Job Description: "I run our rare and endangered plants monitoring program. I'm in charge of a field crew for 3 months to a full year and manage their schedules and logistics of what we do day-to-day. I work with our project botanist on goals and expectations as they have a broader vision for our sites and what we hope to accomplish in the long-term. We manage for invasive species and try to get as many native plants out at our restoration sites as we can. We also have quite a few cooperative agreements with local high schools where we help them grow plants in our nurseries and then have them come out in the field with us to plant everything at our degraded sites."

Ways to Volunteer, Intern, Learn More, Etc: "Anyone can come and volunteer with us at our plant nursery or out in the field planting, and even doing some plant monitoring."

Advice From the Professional: Take risks, put yourself out there, ask for opportunities. Every great scientist was once an inexperienced one who someone gave a chance to. You just have to ask -- worst case scenario they say no!

Average Salary: \$50,000-\$75,000

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