

Career Outlook: Wildlife Biology

Wildlife Biology Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Wildlife Biology (B.S.)

Minor: Wildlife Biology

Department Website: <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/biology>

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:

According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH), zoologists and wildlife biologists held about 18,500 jobs in 2020. Depending on their position, zoologists and wildlife biologists may spend considerable time in the field gathering data and studying animals in their natural habitats. Federal and state governments employed about 63% of all zoologists and wildlife biologists, excluding education, hospitals, and postal services; 9% worked in management, scientific, and technical consulting services research; 6% worked for colleges, universities, and professional schools; and 4% worked for research and development in the physical, engineering, and life sciences. Many zoologists and wildlife biologists have advanced degrees.

OOH reports the nationwide demand for zoologists and wildlife biologists is projected to grow 5%, through 2030, with people established in their career generally earning between \$41,720 and \$106,320 per year. The 2020 median pay was \$66,350 per year including those workers with advanced degrees.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR WILDLIFE BIOLOGY GRADUATES:

Of the 24 Wildlife Biology B.S. graduates in 2019-2020, 53.8% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation and 12.5% went on to continue their education. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status.

PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU WILDLIFE BIOLOGY GRADUATES*:

(This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)

Anderson Engineering of Minnesota, LLC	Environmental Scientist	Plymouth, MN
Banfield Pet Hospital	Veterinarian Assistant	Bemidji, MN
Self-Employed	Goat Farm	Laporte, MN
Three Rivers Park District	Seasonal Naturalist	Maple Plain, MN
Wenck	Wildlife Technician	Golden Valley, MN
Wildlife Science Center	Animal Caretaker	Stacy, MN

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU WILDLIFE BIOLOGY GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN (x2)
- University of New England, Biddeford, ME

*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

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For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

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