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**Subject:** Field and lab work opportunities in Southern California (Ventura County/LA area)

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Greetings ECOLOGers,

I recently moved to southern CA and with work authorization in hand, I'm looking for part-time and/or short-term field and lab work opportunities in or around the LA basin or northward to Santa Barbara area. Ideally paid, of course, but not totally necessary for short-term jobs.

A quick overview:

- Experience over different taxa: insect communities, fish and aquatic insects, amphibians, passerines, soil, seed collection, microbial ecology (birds, eggs, nests and soil)
- International field work experience (Amazon, Costa Rica, western Canada, East Africa, Netherlands)
- Fairly standard genetics bench skills (DNA extraction, PCR, DGGE)
- Reasonable quantitative skills (published modelling paper) with plenty of statistical background
- Clean driver's abstract, 4WD, standard/automatic, quad experience on rough/backcountry roads
- Solid camping experience and gear

I've just been working outside academe for 4 1/2 years since my MSc and am looking to sharpen up, make some contacts, and get my hands dirty again with the intention to be applying for PhD positions.

If you happen to know of anyone looking - or might be yourself - please let me know via direct email (off the listserv).

Many thanks,  
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"Education, if it means anything, should not take people away from land, but instill in them even more respect for it, because educated people are in a position to understand what is being lost. The future of the planet concerns all of us, and we should do what we can to protect it. As I told the foresters, and the women, you don't need a diploma to plant a tree." ----- Wangari Muta Maathai – *Unbowed*, pp. 137–138.