



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

## Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area

### All-taxa Biodiversity Inventory

### Spring/Winter/Fall

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#### **SEEKING:**

**A volunteer to assist us in conducting an inventory of insects and other invertebrate groups on the Boston Harbor Islands. This position will provide unique opportunity to become familiar with the amazing diversity of the local insect fauna.**

#### **ABOUT THE PARK:**

The Boston Harbor Islands national park area includes 34 islands situated within the large "C" shape of the Greater Boston shoreline. The islands are rich in natural and cultural resources. The islands are managed by a unique, 13-member Partnership. The Boston Harbor Islands Partnership represents a range of federal, state, city, and nonprofit agencies. Visit [BostonIslands.com](http://BostonIslands.com) for more information.

**ABOUT THE PROJECT:** The Boston Harbor Islands Partnership and the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology (MCZ) have begun an all taxa biotic inventory (ATBI) of the insect and other invertebrate species that inhabit the islands. Our goal is to combine scientific research with public education, and to foster an appreciation for the amazing biological diversity that exists on the islands.

#### **DUTIES:**

Primary responsibilities will include: sorting invertebrates to major taxonomic groups, mounting and preparing specimens for identification, and entering specimen data into an online database.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

No previous entomological experience is required, but a willingness to learn basic insect taxonomy and spend consecutive hours at a dissecting microscope is essential. Also critical to success in this position are a keen eye for detail and strong organizational skills.

#### **TIME COMMITMENT:**

Hours are negotiable, but a minimum commitment of 4 hours per week, for 8 consecutive weeks, is required.

#### **LOCATION:**

Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University.

#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

Please send a resume to Dr. Jessica Rykken. Please include information about your availability.  
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