



Work contract: Walnut dropping in carrion crows

We are seeking a qualified and highly motivated person to carry out observational surveys, collect video data in Vienna, Austria and create a database under a works contract, for which the contractor shall receive a payment of € 5000 upon successful completion of the work.

Carrion crows are known to drop walnuts on hard surfaces to access the kernel inside. We use a range of approaches (including detailed field observations of wild, free-ranging birds, field experiments and biologging devices) to improve our understanding of the species' extractive foraging behaviour.

You will help with data collection and maintaining trap sites. This position is a great opportunity to gain field research experience in behavioural ecology, work in one of the most livable cities of the world and with a species that thrives in urban environments.

You will ideally have a background in science (degree or expected degree in biology or a related area), work well independently and as part of a team and have experience in behavioural data collection. Previous field experience, bird handling and German language skills are advantageous, but not required. You are expected to be able to walk long distances in varying weather conditions, observe and film crows in the city, have a committed and positive attitude and do well with early morning starts and long working days.

The prospected start time is mid August (exact dates can be negotiated).

To apply, please send an up-to-date CV (with contact details of referees) and a brief letter of interest to Barbara Klump at barbara.klump@univie.ac.at. I am also happy to answer any further questions you may have.