

## **Auckland Zoo**

### **Casual Ectotherm Keeper**

- Rare chance to work at one of the world's most ambitious and conservation-focused zoos.
- Care for a diverse collection of native and exotic reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates and fish
- Contribute to the conservation of native fauna through conservation-breeding and release programmes.

Auckland Zoo is recognised as one of the most progressive zoos in the world. A winner of national and international environmental-related awards, it is home to 126 different species and over 1,000 animals. Your primary focus will be providing best practice husbandry, contributing to the understanding of primate species and provide exciting visitor experiences, which inspire and empower people to take positive action for wildlife and the environment.

This is an opportunity to join the Life Sciences team and be part of an organization that is proud of its contribution to the conservation of species and their habitats in New Zealand and abroad.

The Ectotherm Keeper works as part of a team responsible for the daily husbandry and management of a diverse range of native reptiles, frogs, fish, and invertebrates species - including tuatara, Otago and chevron skinks, Archey's frog, long-fin eels and giant weta - as well as exotic species such as American alligators, Galapagos tortoises, Australian lizards and bird-eating spiders.

To be successful in this role, you will have:

- A recognised qualification in captive animal management and/or zoology/biology
- Proven experience in the management of ectotherms
- Experience with innovative husbandry and management for a range of reptile and other relevant species
- High attention to detail
- Strong organisational skills and a keen desire to learn
- Driver's licence and the ability to drive a manual vehicle

Auckland Zoo is expanding its field conservation programme, so the successful candidate will be expected to spend time working on conservation projects in the field. An interest in and aptitude for fieldwork is therefore essential and prior relevant experience would be an advantage.

Public speaking is part of every keeper's role, so we are also looking for a confident communicator who can demonstrate their passion for wildlife and inspire visitors through informal talks and animal encounters.

This is a Casual role and rosters are generated on a month by month basis. A high level of energy and physical fitness will enable you to meet the daily challenges of the role.

To meet the Zoo's operational needs, the successful candidate may occasionally be required to care for other animal taxa or undertake additional tasks at the Team Leader's and/or Curator's discretion.

For more information or to apply online, go to;

<https://careers.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/jobdetails?ajid=8ZP7q>

**Applications close: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**