Alcatraz, notorious for the former federal penitentiary, is also the site of a very large and important breeding colony for several different seabird species, including Western gulls. Also, the island is home to San Francisco Bay's only Brandt's cormorant colony and one of its most important black-crowned night-heron colonies. Alcatraz’s rookeries are among the most accessible, offering visitors abundant opportunities to observe avian natural history up close.

Job Title: Seabird Docent
Location: Alcatraz Island, Golden Gate NRA, San Francisco
Hours per Month: 4 hours (2 hours biweekly) minimum

Description of Duties:
During active seabird nesting season, from April 1 through August 31, you will assist visitors to Alcatraz in understanding the behavior, feeding, breeding and ecology of nesting seabird species. The docent will staff an outdoor station within view of a seabird colony, and explain the activities of the breeding populations, answering additional questions as needed. S/he will set up and tend a spotting scope and/or lend binoculars to help visitors get a closer look at the seabirds, and gain a better appreciation of the colonies' dynamics.

Responsibilities:
- Staff wildlife viewing station
- Explain current activities of breeding birds
- Tend spotting scope and binoculars for lending
- Respond to visitor queries

Knowledge and Skills Desired:
- Interest in wildlife
- Good people skills
- Willingness to work in harsh (cold, windy, foggy, sometimes hot!) environment

Benefits:
- Training in seabird biology & ecology (March 2009)

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