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Biodiversity and Habitat Monitoring Assistant

Description

The Biodiversity & Habitat Monitoring Assistant supports Growforward's commitment to ecological restoration, species protection, and long-term environmental learning. This role gives students hands-on experience in observing, recording, and understanding the living systems that make the site unique.

The student will help monitor plant and animal species across the Growforward site, contribute to habitat surveys, assist with small-scale ecological interventions, and support the creation of biodiversity records that feed into the wider Sustainable Business Resource environmental database. The role encourages curiosity, gentle observation, and respect for the natural world.

Key Responsibilities

- Conduct regular biodiversity walks and record sightings using agreed survey methods • Assist with habitat assessments (woodland, meadow, hedgerow, wetland areas)
- Support small ecological interventions such as planting, habitat maintenance
- Invasive species checks
- Photograph and document species for digital archiving
- Contribute to seasonal biodiversity reports
- Help design simple public-facing materials explaining local species and habitats
- Maintain accurate logs and follow ecological best practice
- Uphold Growforward's values of gentleness, environmental respect, and safe learning

Project Components

- Species identification
- Habitat surveying
- Ecological documentation
- Digital archiving
- Seasonal biodiversity reporting
- Contribution to Growforward's environmental education materials

Skills Gained

- Species identification and ecological awareness
- Surveying and field recording
- Environmental communication
- Digital documentation and data handling
- Teamwork and gentle leadership

Safeguarding & Safety Notes

Employment Type

Part-time, Intern, Volunteer

Working Hours

24–30 hours total (4–5 weeks × 1 day per week)

Duration of employment

Optional extension to 120 hours across the academic year

Experience

No Previous Experience Required

Reporting Line

Reports to: Sustainable Business Resource Ecology Coordinator

Secondary support: Growforward Environmental Lead

Expected Outputs

- A biodiversity logbook with species records
- A short habitat survey summary
- A digital archive of photographs and observations
- Contribution to Grow Forward's annual biodiversity report

Date posted

November 4, 2026

- All fieldwork supervised
- Clear boundaries around water, tools, and off-path areas
- Emphasis on emotional safety, confidence-building, and supported exploration