



Experience a different 9 to 5

with a summer job at the

Department of Conservation

Photo: Petrus Hedman

Ranger (Biodiversity)

Location	Greymouth, Greymouth District
Dates of Employment	19 October 2026 to 31 March 2027
Salary	Salary range based on skills and experience is \$61,189 - \$67,446

Mō te tūranga | About the role

As a Ranger (Biodiversity) based in the Greymouth District within the Biodiversity work group, this role supports the field delivery of biodiversity tasks control across the Greymouth District. The position focuses on pest plant management to protect a range of threatened species and ecosystems. You will work across front country and remote backcountry environments, contributing to biodiversity outcomes.

Key Tasks

- Deliver pest plant control using a range of methods (vehicle-mounted sprayers to knapsack spraying)
- Support predator control delivery using pesticides, kill traps, and live capture methods
- Maintain and repair predator control networks
- Support species monitoring programmes (e.g. pekapeka/long-tailed bats, whio, skinks, tuna)
- Collect, process, and manage biodiversity data
- Work across remote field sites, including stays in backcountry locations

Ngā pūkenga me ngā wheako | Skills and experience

- Ability to identify pest plant species and apply control methods
- Experience with pest plant control tools and techniques
- Strong data recording and management skills (including GIS, Excel and field data systems)
- Competence using computers, mobile devices, and GPS/navigation tools
- Off-track navigation skills using GPS and/or compass
- Moderate to high level of physical fitness for fieldwork
- Ability to work independently in isolated environments and as part of a small team
- Strong problem-solving skills and initiative
- Strong commitment to health and safety practices
- Full New Zealand driver's licence

Desirable:

- Experience using GIS tools
- Experience using pesticides and kill trapping control methods
- Firearms licence and experience with animal dispatch
- Experience with trail cameras
- First Aid certification
- Growsafe certification
- 4WD certification

Mō te tīma | About the team/Location

The Māwhera/Greymouth Biodiversity team consists of four permanent staff supported by seasonal rangers, working collaboratively to deliver conservation programmes across the district. The wider Greymouth Operations team includes approximately 23 permanent staff across biodiversity, heritage and visitor, and community work programmes.

The role operates across the Greymouth District in landscapes of forests, lakes, rivers, coastal and alpine environments.

Work is based out of Greymouth, with regular field deployments to Springs Junction and surrounding areas.

Additional Information

Roster: Monday to Friday, 40hrs per week.

Accommodation: Private options available in Greymouth/Reefton. Accommodation is supplied when working away in the Springs Junction area.

Number of positions: 1

Me he pātai anō, whakapā mai | For further enquiries

Please contact Seasonal Jobs seasonaljobs@doc.govt.nz