

## Editor Wanted



The British Ecological Society ([www.BritishEcologicalSociety.org](http://www.BritishEcologicalSociety.org)) is a thriving learned society established in 1913 to advance and support the science of ecology. It publishes four successful journals (with a fifth to be launched in 2010), and a quarterly newsletter, the *Bulletin*, that is distributed to its 4,000 members worldwide.

The BES is seeking an additional editor for *Journal of Ecology*, our longest-established journal (founded 1913), which publishes the most important and broad-reaching papers on all aspects of plant-related ecology. The Journal covers terrestrial and aquatic plant ecology, and studies of plant communities, populations or individual species, as well as interactions between plants and their environment or plants and other organisms. Both experimental and theoretical papers are published and selected for their strong and original ecological messages that advance our understanding of ecological principles. Further details about the journal and its editors can be found at [www.journalofecology.org](http://www.journalofecology.org).

We are seeking a fourth editor to join the current editorial team. The editors are supported by an international Associate Editorial Board, by a professional Managing Editor and by a Journal Administrator who coordinates the peer review process. The editors handle manuscripts and work together to determine journal direction and increase the reputation and quality of the Journal. We would particularly welcome applicants who can help raise the journal's profile in topical fields and develop innovative ways of increasing the impact of the work we publish. Editors must be highly motivated, decisive, outstanding communicators and must act with the utmost probity. They must have an excellent understanding of their own field of ecology, as well as of the wider discipline, and have experience of refereeing and the editing process. This post is part-time (current salary £4,998 per annum) and located at the holder's host university or organisation.

### Selection Criteria:

- strong publication record
- knowledge and understanding of the subject area, complementary to that of the remaining editors
- experience of refereeing (essential) and of editorial work (highly desirable)
- ability to work independently and to prioritise from a range of active projects
- ability to form, and operate in, scientific networks
- ability to think strategically and act decisively
- commitment to the post and to the goals of the Society

**Applications:** please send your CV, plus a letter stating what you have to offer to the Journal and how you would develop it in the next five years to Dr L Haddon, BES Publications Manager, [Lindsay@BritishEcologicalSociety.org](mailto:Lindsay@BritishEcologicalSociety.org).

**Closing date: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009 (noon GMT)**

**Interviews will take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 at the University of Sussex (by phone if appropriate)**

## Editor – Journal of Ecology

**Purpose of Role:** Working with other members of the Journal Team to ensure that the Journal publishes top quality, timely material and to plan and implement strategies that will enhance its profile and expand its readership.

### Key responsibilities:

- Identify key subject areas for the Journal to focus on (whether already established or emerging/advancing rapidly)
- Solicit the submission of high quality manuscripts in all areas relevant to the Journal
- Gather opinions from fellow ecologists/practitioners on the strengths and weaknesses of the Journal: use this information to drive changes in procedure, to develop initiatives and/or to feed into general discussions
- Identify and recruit new Associate Editors
- Promote the Journal and the British Ecological Society when attending conferences
- Contribute to the Journal's development plan and its annual appraisal and to discussions with others involved with BES publications
- Assist manuscript processing by pre-screening submitted manuscripts for suitability for the Journal, selecting referees and making decisions based on their reports
- Act as advisor/adjudicator in case of disputes