

Jadzia Rodriguez



Name: Jadzia Rodriguez

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Major: Wildlife Science

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About Yourself:

My name is Jadzia Rodriguez and I am from Las Cruces, NM. I am currently pursuing a degree in Wildlife Science with a minor in Range Science at New Mexico State University. My appreciation for wildlife developed from a love of reading about owls and other birds of prey. I enjoy observing wildlife in their native habitats to understand the ecosystem's ecology. I hope to study avian species and develop natural resource management strategies that will conserve imperiled wildlife populations.

Career Experiences:

I have had the opportunity to work as an undergraduate research assistant and design a study to analyze Western Burrowing Owl presence in previously established artificial release sites in Arizona. My NRCS Pathways internship involved creating soil and cultural resource maps for Louisiana private landowner cropland and pastureland sites. The skills that I acquired during these internships were used when I managed an Avian Nestbox Network to monitor cavity-nesting bird species in the Pajarito Plateau.

Plans after Graduation:

After graduating from NMSU, I plan to work as a field technician on long-term research projects to gain more experience with bird species identification and to learn about protocols to comply with wildlife protection laws. This experience will be used to pursue a graduate degree in Wildlife Biology. My desire is to work with a federal agency as a wildlife biologist in the Pacific Northwest. My goal will be to focus on research of native wildlife species, specifically birds of prey, to become an ornithologist.

Skills:

Bird banding and mist netting, Operation of radio telemetry and GPS equipment, Wildlife documentation using field cameras, Map creation using ESRI ArcGIS, Hiking uneven terrain in varying weather conditions, Swimming, Camping, Operation of 4WD vehicles, Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint

Accomplishments/ Clubs/ other:

- Crimson Scholar
- FWCE Undergraduate Dean's Award of Excellence
- Jed Burt Undergraduate Mentoring Grant 2018 Recipient (Wilson Ornithological Society)
- NRCT Member
- NMSU Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society (TWS) Secretary and Member
- NMSU Student Chapter of The American Fisheries Society (AFS) Member