



## RiverLife: Almond & Avon, Aspen Project Volunteer Role Description



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| Role Title:       | Aspen Surveyor   |
| Responsible to:   | RiverLife: Workshop Coordinator.   |
| Where (Location): | West Lothian & Falkirk   |
| Time commitment:  | Variable hours – decided by volunteer<br>For a period of 1-2 calendar months |

### Role Description

Our Aspen Surveyors will play a pivotal role in locating and recording Aspen in this Citizen Science project. We ask the volunteers to attend the identification and survey technique workshop (in person or online) to gain the core skills and reasoning for the project. This knowledge can then be used by Aspen Surveyors to go out searching and can send back locations of wild Aspen (*Populus tremulosa*) that they have surveyed for around West Lothian and Falkirk and Edinburgh regions.

### Main Tasks

- Attend the workshop on Aspen Identification and Survey Techniques or watch the footage from the day to learn remotely with support from staff.
- You will be assigned a geographical area that may potentially contain Aspen after the workshop is complete – this will be your area to survey when you have the time and energy to do so!
- Send survey data to the assigned coordinator. This data will then be used to help Forth Rivers Trust and Eadha Trees propagate cuttings from the located Aspen to grow trees of local source along the rivers.

### Required skills, qualities and experience

- ID skills and survey techniques learnt in Workshop are required.
- Use initiative and be able to work alone to collect data.
- Ability to send data through technological means i.e. email.
- Ability to be safe when working out of doors, potentially alone.

### Training and support available

- Initial set date to go through the Identification and survey form and allow the specialist and FRT coordinator to answer questions relating to the project.
- Weekly updates on the project and the data submitted to ensure that everybody is kept in the loop on locations of Wild Aspen and how others are progressing.

### Any other Requirements

Outdoor activity with some physical exertion.

