

Jadzia Rodriguez

Name: Jadzia Rodriguez

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About Yourself:

Hi, My Name is Jadzia Rodriguez and I'm from Las Cruces, NM. I am currently pursuing a degree in Wildlife Science as an undergraduate at New Mexico State University. My appreciation for wildlife began because of my enjoyment of reading, which is how I learned about wolves and birds of prey. I now strive to become more knowledgeable about these animals as well as other natural resource and land management techniques so that I may be able to help protect other wildlife.

Career Experiences:

While attending high school, I volunteered for two summers with the Department of Public Works Environment Division in White Sands Missile Range, NM. While at their office, I learned how to identify multiple bird and butterfly species, assisted in recording plant species during fire transects, and helped to maintain the building's pollinator garden with the use of hand tools. I even got to explore mining caves to observe Townsend's big-eared bats. I hope to gain more experience and skills by engaging in internships and volunteer opportunities.

Plans after Graduation:

After graduating from NMSU, I would like to obtain a graduate degree in Wildlife Biology with a desire to work with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Peregrine Fund, or USDA Forest Service as a wildlife biologist or technician. I would like to focus on working with owl species and grey wolves along the northwestern U.S. Pacific Coast after gaining experience in the field, which might lead me to pursue a PhD in Ornithology.

Skills:

Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, can withstand varying weather conditions while performing manual labor, swimming, leadership experience in high school organizations.

Accomplishments/ Clubs/ other:

- The Wildlife Society Member
- Crimson Scholar
- Dean's List Member
- NRCT Member

