

What does a Zoologist do?

Field biologist, wildlife biologist, conservation biologist
Zoologists study animals and their behaviour.

How do you become a Zoologist ?

You can get into this job through studying for a degree in a subject like:

- zoology
- animal ecology
- animal behaviour
- conservation
- marine biology
- environmental biology

You'll need a relevant postgraduate qualification like a master's degree or PhD for some jobs, particularly in research.

You'll usually need:

- 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent, including biology
- a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study

Average Salary

From £18, 000 to £48, 00 (Average £39, 000)

The UK average salary is £28,758

Typical Working Week

38 - 40 Hours (Variable - could be weekends and Bank Holidays)

There are 37.5 hours in the average working week

Day-to-Day Tasks

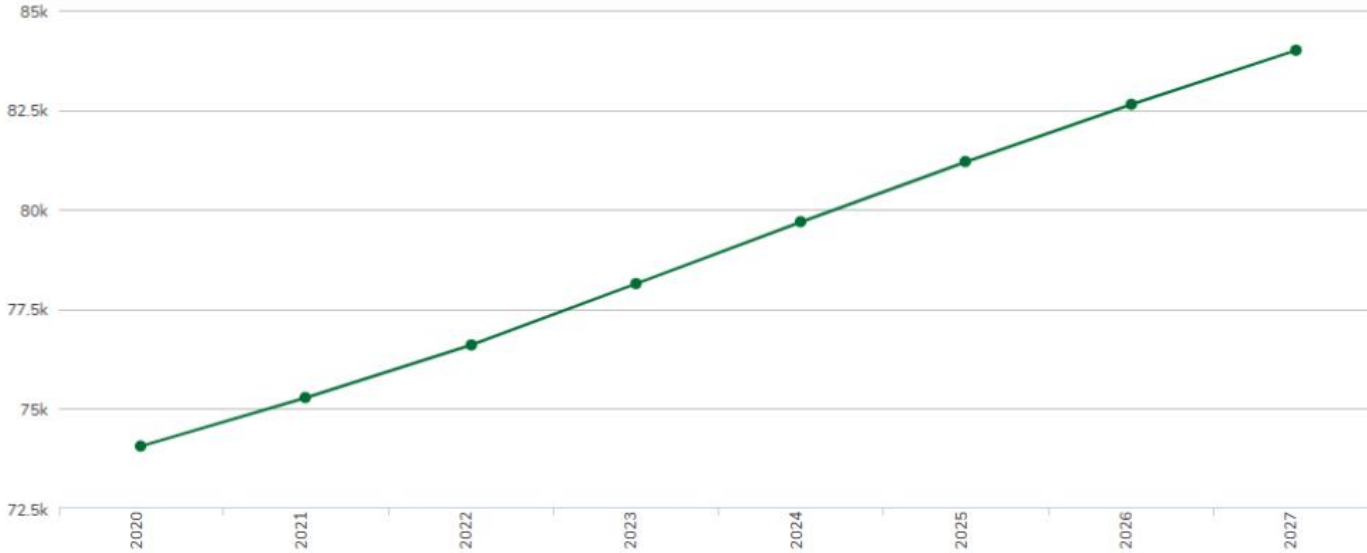
You could work in sectors like agriculture, conservation, pharmaceuticals or for the Government and you'll usually specialise in an area like:

- ecology - animal environments
- herpetology - reptiles
- entomology - insects
- ornithology - birds
- parasitology - parasites
- paleozoology - fossil remains

Your day-to-day tasks will vary depending on your role, sector and specialism. You could:

- carry out field and laboratory research
- study animals in their natural environment or in captivity
- identify, record and monitor animal species
- gather and interpret information
- use complex procedures, like computerised molecular and cellular analysis, and in-vitro fertilisation
- produce detailed technical reports
- give presentations and publish information in journals and books
- supervise technicians

Future employment



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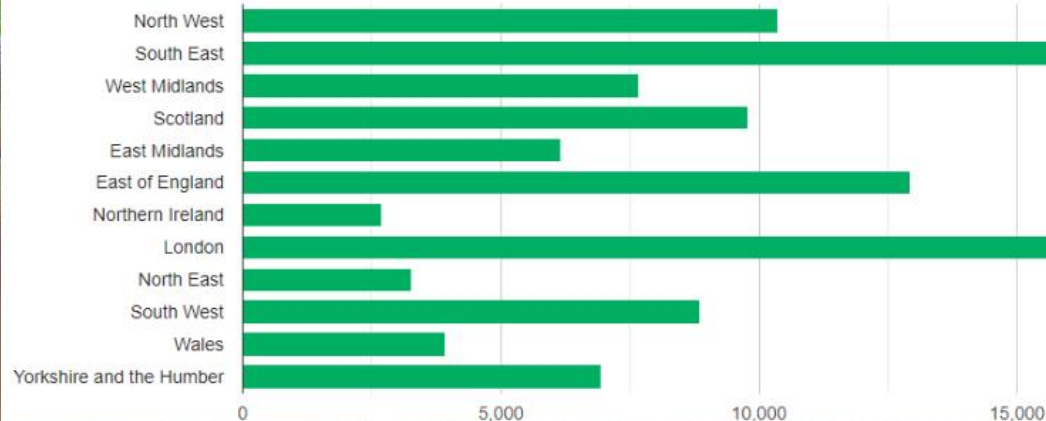
There will be 3.4% more Zoologist jobs in 2026.

Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- knowledge of biology
- excellent verbal communication skills
- the ability to work well with others
- science skills
- the ability to read English
- maths knowledge
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- excellent written communication skills
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

People currently working in this job by region



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