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| Jessie Lowry  4720 Candlewick Drive, Norwalk, Iowa 50211 · 515-490-4370  jrlowry@blankparkzoo.org |
| Through my role as Director of Conservation and Research at Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines, I have raised funds and awareness for over 50 wildlife organizations, developed creative events and fundraisers and mentored others on how to channel their passion. I am the founder and leader of pollinator conservation initiative Plant.Grow.Fly., a coalition of over 60 organizations working together to increase habitat for pollinators, and Iowa Hunters Leading the Way, a non-lead outreach campaign with over 45 partners. I serve as a Steering Committee Member for Zoos and Aquariums Committing to Conservation (ZACC) and am an Emerging Wildlife Conservation Leaders fellow. I have worked at Blank Park Zoo since 2005 and have taken the Zoo’s conservation support from $5,000 to $125,000, annually. |

# Experience

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| November 2017 – PresentDirector of Conservation & Research, Blank Park Zoo  * Develop, guide, and implement conservation programs focused on sustainability of wild populations * Formalize and oversee research programs focused on conservation of species and increased understanding and husbandry of animals in human care |
| January 2015 – November 2017Conservation Manager, Blank Park Zoo  * Manage and prioritize the Zoo’s conservation initiatives, commitments and events |
| November 2005 – November 2017Animal Keeper, Leader of Conservation Committee, Blank Park Zoo  * Manage and care for diverse taxa of birds, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates and mammal |

# Education

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| 2004Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies, University of colorado at Boulder, GPA: 3.8 |
| 2004Bachelor of Science in Anthropology, Primatology Emphasis, University of Colorado at Boulder, GPA: 4.02004Primate Behavior and Ecology, La Suerte Biological field School, Costa Rica |

# Skills

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| * Grassroots Organizing * Pollinator Conservation * Science of Behavior Change * Mentoring | * Campaign Management * Public Speaking * Legislative Advocacy * Environmental Education |

# Community leadership

Advisor for Good Neighbor Iowa, University of Northern Iowa

Steering Committee Member of Zoos and Aquariums Committing to Conservation

Subcommittee Member of Iowa Monarch Conservation Consortium, Iowa State University

Founding member and featured speaker for Finding Your Voice, Women in Conservation Summit

Advisor for Chimpanzee Sanctuary and Wildlife Conservation Trust in Uganda

# Awards and Honors

Emerging Wildlife Conservation Leaders Fellow, Class of 2015-2016

Iowa Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award – Overall Conservation Award, 2015

Iowa Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award – Habitat Restoration Award for Plant.Grow.Fly., 2016

Waukee APEX Catalyst Award, 2016

Urban Ambassadors, Ambassador of the Year nomination, 2017

Iowa Soil and Water Conservation District, Friends of Conservation Award for Plant.Grow.Fly., 2017

Ding Darling Award for Excellence in Environmental Education, 2018