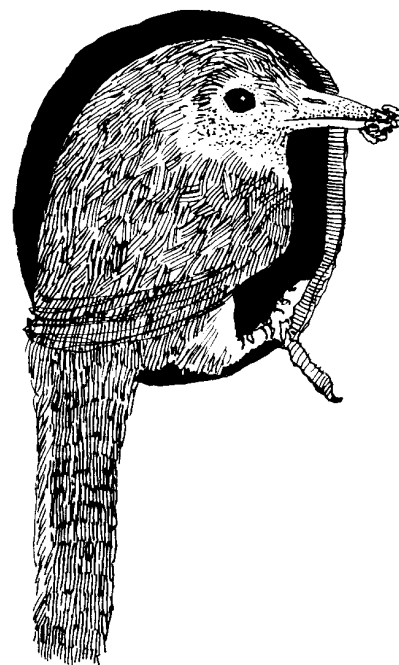


# Birdsong Nature Center

July-August 2018

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>July</b>		
Wed.	July 4	Independence Day - Open Bluebird Trail Monitoring
Thur.	July 5	Butterfly Garden Workday
Sat.	July 7	Butterfly Walk Bluebird Trail Monitoring
Sat.	July 14	Early Morning Nature Experience
Wed.	July 18	Bluebird Trail Monitoring
Sat.	July 21	Mid-Summer Birding Tour
Sat.	July 28	Early Evening Trail Ride Bluebird Trail Monitoring
<b>August</b>		
Wed.	Aug. 1	Bluebird Trail Monitoring
Thur.	Aug. 2	Butterfly Garden Work Day
Sat.	Aug 4	Take a Child Outside for a Scavenger Hunt Bluebird Trail Monitoring
Wed.	Aug. 15	Bluebird Trail Monitoring
Fri.	Aug. 17	<b>Center Closed</b> <b>Reopens September 5</b>



### BIRDSONG NATURE CENTER

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### BIRD WINDOW AND TRAIL HOURS

Wednesday	9 AM - 5 PM
Friday	9 AM - 5 PM
Saturday	9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday	1 PM - 5 PM

### Bird Window and Nature Trails

Welcome to Birdsong! Enjoy the beauty and serenity of the Bird Window and learn to identify resident and visiting birds up close. Walk the Nature Trails to observe wildlife in a variety of habitats and enjoy the sounds of nature at the Listening Place. Before you leave, you may want to visit the Chickadee Corner Gift Shop. We hope you enjoy your stay!

*All visitors please sign in at the Registration Center. Trail maps are provided. Pets, trash and fires are not permitted.*

### Registration

Please register for all programs by calling or emailing: (229) 377-4408, 1 (800) 953-BIRD, Birdsong Office  
Fax line (229)-377-8723, or [birdsong@birdsongnaturecenter.org](mailto:birdsong@birdsongnaturecenter.org)

Dear Friends,

Amazing transformations are occurring at Birdsong right now as our cooler, dryer days of spring give way to summer's heat, humidity, and frequent deluges of rain. The landscape is becoming more lush and green as the subtle shades of newly leafed trees and plants mature into their mid-growing season forms. It's enjoyable to be out on the property and witness the change in landscapes – it occurs in surprisingly fast order.

If you've been out on the property recently you might have also noticed some human-made changes that are occurring with structures at Birdsong, particularly with the Barn. This venerable and historic building dates back over 150 years. It has been showing signs of age and weathering and has required some immediate structural attention to replace boards and beams in several places. Fortunately, Birdsong has a great crew of volunteers with exceptional construction skills and experience, and they have been rehabilitating the Barn (and other structures) where needed. We want to say a very sincere "thank you" to this wonderful group – Glenn Berman, Buddy Holshouser, Mike Duggar, and Steve Kunst - for helping us with this very important work, and to Board member Mike Brezin for organizing and bringing these talented gentlemen to Birdsong. Special thanks also to Board member Ellery Sedgwick for donating the beautiful lumber for the repairs. The lumber Ellery donated matches exceptionally well with the Barn's own composition - this would otherwise be a very challenging find and acquisition for Birdsong to make.

An important aspect of restorative work on the Barn and other structures at Birdsong is their valuable historic nature. In 1995, Birdsong was listed on National Register of Historic Places; we are mindful of that designation as we plan and carry out needed repairs and are following guidelines suggested by experts in this area. We'll have more to report on this topic as we move forward and will keep you informed.

We hope you will visit Birdsong soon and enjoy the summer days that are now upon us! The property is in great shape and there is much to see out on the trails. Sincere thanks to all our great volunteers, members, and donors for making all this possible. Birdsong would not be here today for all to enjoy but for your generous support.

Sincerely,

Joe Peresich  
President, Board of Directors



**Put on your calendar!  
Third Saturday in March  
March 16, 2019**

## **GROUND COVER PLANTS**

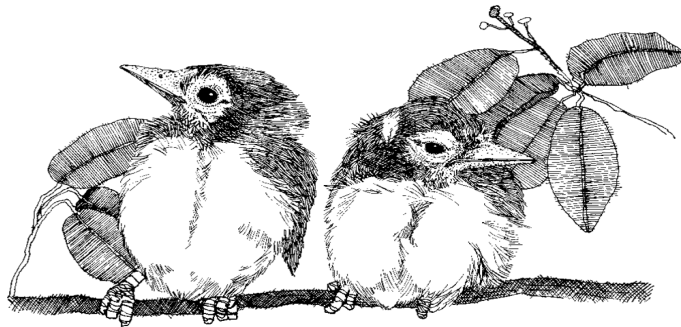
Ground cover plants have several good functions in the landscape. When the individual plants spread and grow together they can choke and shade out weeds. A good ground cover can be environmentally safer than lawn grass – fewer chemicals and no mowing. In an interesting garden of many different plants of varying heights, colors, and textures, a well-shaped bed of a healthy groundcover shows up as a welcome spot for the eye to rest.

However, some commonly used ground covers can be trouble, assaulting your neat well-planned edges with deep running or mat-like roots. You can quickly come to hate these plants if you have to spend several July Saturdays scraping, clawing, and snatching to control the aggressively spreading plants. Mondo grass and Asiatic jasmine can be lovely in their proper place, but they can be horrors to deal with if they get away from you.

We are happy to be able to offer several well-behaved, reliable, and interesting ground covers at the March 16, 2019 Old-Timey Plant Sale. If you place individual plants a foot apart they can easily grow together by the end of the season. Here are some of the plants we'll have.

1. Strawberry begonia (*Saxifraga stolonifera*) is a lovely little plant with attractively patterned round leaves. The mother plant sends out thread-like stolons, each with a tiny plantlet that will take root when it touches the ground. Shallow roots, easy to control. Shade to part shade. Gardeners who care about provenance will be interested to know that these plants came from the yard of Dr. Bob Godfrey, renowned FSU botany professor and author of botanical field guides, who developed the FSU Herbarium, now named after him.
2. Peacock fern (*Selaginella uncinata*) is one of the most beautiful plants you can grow because of the shimmery iridescent blue-green color of its ferny leaves. It turns a bronze color with cool weather and disappears in cold winter, but reliably comes back in spring. Deep shade is essential for the development of the rich peacock color.
3. Gold moss (*Sedum acre*) is a very easy groundcover for hot dry sun or part shade. It thrives in thin, poor soil. Good for a rock garden. It spreads fast – just break off a stem and stick it in the ground for a new plant. The small succulent leaves are a light green color and the whole plant is covered with yellow flowers in summer.
4. Most people think of aluminum plant (*Pilea cadierei*) as a dusty houseplant straggling from a hanging plastic pot. But our donor discovered that it thrives and spreads in her Tallahassee garden under the shade of oak trees. It looks nothing like the sickly houseplant version of itself in this setting. Her island bed of aluminum plant is a magical shimmery sight with each leaf splotched with silver. It is evergreen through mild winters and will come back in spring after being killed back by several hard freezes.
5. Sunshine mimosa (*Mimosa strigillosa*) is a native plant now being used as a replacement for lawn grass in sun. It has delicate ferny leaves and pink powderpuff flowers in early summer. It is beautiful early spring through fall, but will turn brown and sparse in winter. Wildlife benefit: *Mimosa strigillosa* is the larval host of the Little Sulphur Butterfly.
6. Spider plant (*Chlorophytum comosum*) is another houseplant that a local gardener uses beautifully as a groundcover in her shady garden. Her deep-mulched bed of these arching white and green leaves is very cool and soothing sight in the live oak shade. Birdsong is lucky that this hard working gardener likes a neat orderly look with every plant in its place – and that she generously shares her errant spider plantlets with us.

We are always glad to be able to share the insights of local gardeners at our Old-Timey Plant Sale. We love hearing about adventurous experiments gardeners try, and what they learn about how plants behave differently in certain conditions. So please let us know about your garden discoveries, and keep the sale in mind through this summer and fall as



### **EARLY MORNING NATURE EXPERIENCE**

**Saturday, July 14**

**7:30 – 9:30AM**

Birdsong is a lovely place to be in the early morning. Join Executive Director Kathleen Brady for a ride through Birdsong's fields and woods along with several stops for some easy-paced walks through even more variety of wildlife habitat. We will discuss the current nesting season, gopher tortoises, our ongoing land management and look for whatever birds, wildflowers and animal sign Birdsong may have to offer on a July morning. Bring sun protection, binoculars and wear waterproof shoes and long pants; we may go off trail. We will visit the Bird Window and Butterfly Garden upon our return. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.** Please call by noon Friday to reserve your space on the trailer. Class size is 12 people.

\$6 Friends, \$10 nonmembers, children half-price.

**BUTTERFLY WALK**  
**With Dean and Sally Jue**  
**Saturday, July 7**  
**9 AM – 12:30PM**

Join butterfly experts Dean and Sally Jue and spend a morning exploring Birdsong's Butterfly Garden and identifying some interesting native butterflies. Some of the species we hope to see in the Garden include Hoary Edge and several kinds of swallowtails and skippers. We will also walk some of the nature trails (if it is not too hot). July is a good time to see an abundance of butterflies at Birdsong, and this is a great opportunity for butterfly photography.

Bring a hat, sunscreen, water, and binoculars (close focusing ones if you have them). If you plan to stay past 12:30 PM, you are welcome bring a picnic lunch.

This program was designed as a field trip for the Hairstreak Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you are a Birdsong member, admission is free; if you are not, the cost is \$5.00 per person.



**MID-SUMMER BIRDING TOUR**  
**Saturday, July 21**

Let's go for a combination trail ride tour and birding expedition at Birdsong! Join Expert birder Marvin Collins and Executive Director Kathleen Brady for a guided ride to a series of destinations where we will stop and hike off-trail to search for courting and nesting songbirds. We'll go to a variety of locations: the Farm Pond, the Live Oak Hammock, the Linton's Corner Trail along the drain, the area south of the planted longleaf site around Big Bay Pond, the woods west of the Frog Pond and possibly others, depending how far we get! We'll wrap up with a visit to the Bird Window.

Dress for the weather, bring sun protection and prepare for a walk in the woods. Bring binoculars and field guides. There will be water available on the ride. Bring a picnic if you want to stay after the program.

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.** Please call by Friday July 20 at noon to reserve your space. Limit of 12 on trailer.

\$6 Friends, \$10 nonmembers, children half-price.

**List of birds sighted on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**On The Late Spring Birding Tour**

- Cardinal
- Northern Bobwhite
- American Crow
- Purple Martin
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Yellow-throated Vireo
- Eastern Towhee
- Chimney Swift
- Mourning Dove
- Blue Grosbeak
- Eastern Kingbird
- Fish Crow
- Eastern Wood Pewee
- Anhinga
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Wood Duck
- Northern Parula
- Tufted Titmouse
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Great-crested Flycatcher
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Acadian Flycatcher
- Barred Owl
- Great Blue Heron
- Pine Warbler
- Indigo Bunting
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Carolina Wren
- Common Ground Dove

**EARLY EVENING TRAIL RIDE**  
**And possibly a Chuck Will's Widow's Walk...**  
**Saturday, July 28 7:30 – 9:30 pm**

Enjoy Birdsong at a cooler time of day, as the sun is going down over the woods and fields. We will ride the perimeter loop at Birdsong on the trailer and visit a variety of habitats as we look and listen for Birdsong's nocturnal inhabitants as they become active, especially our still-courting songbirds and frogs. We'll visit the Farm Pond, Listening Place, Big Bay Swamp, longleaf planting site, and Frog Pond. We cannot guarantee this, but on the way back, we'll get ourselves in position so that if any of our Chuck Will's Widows are still singing or flying about or talking among themselves, we'll enjoy that extraordinary experience!

Dress for the weather, bring binoculars and scopes, field guides, and bug repellent. Feel welcome to come early and have a picnic before we take off. Be prepared for some walking at several of our stops.

**RESERVATIONS, PLEASE.** Limit of 12 on the trailer. Please call to reserve your space by Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at noon. Geared for adults.

\$6 Friends, \$10 non-members.

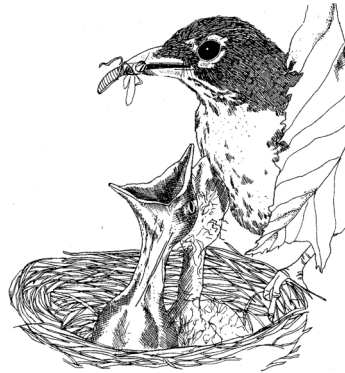
**TAKE A CHILD OUTSIDE**  
**FOR A NATURAL SCAVENGER HUNT!**  
**Saturday, August 4**  
**9:30-11:30AM**

Celebrate summer at Birdsong with your favorite child or children. Leader Sandra Sallee will take our group on a scavenger hunt and see what Mother Nature has to offer! We want to give you and your youngsters an opportunity to really practice your nature observation skills – as a team! We will provide bags for collecting your treasures.

Be prepared to walk off the beaten path; closed-toed shoes and long pants are a good idea. We will go collecting and come back to the Barn to sort our loot and show it to our new friends. Bring water, sun protection, and lunch if you want to stay and picnic afterward. Enjoy learning something new and have a special experience with your child in the great outdoors.

**RESERVATIONS, PLEASE,** so we know how many to prepare for. Please call by 5PM Friday, August 3.

\$4 Friends, \$6 nonmembers, children half-price. Includes a handout and resource list for year-round outdoor activities with children.



**BUTTERFLY GARDEN WORK DAYS**  
**Thursdays, July 5 and August 2**  
**9:00AM to Noon**

Please join our Butterfly Garden volunteers on the first Thursday of the month to tend our beautiful Butterfly Garden! Bring gardening gloves, knee pads, clippers, and lunch if you wish to stay afterwards.

Our gardeners would very much appreciate the donation of bags of clean leaf mulch for the Garden. Please be sure that the mulch does not contain any stray invasive plants that might take hold. Hand raked or purchased leaf mulch is best! Thank you!

For more information call Donna Legare at (850)386-1148 or Birdsong at (229)377-4408.

**BLUEBIRD TRAIL MONITORING**  
**July 4, 7, 18, 21**  
**August 1, 4 15, 18, 29**  
**8:30AM**

The Bluebird Monitoring season is in full swing! Our Bluebirds are busy nesting and fledging first broods and Carolina Chickadees and Brown-headed Nuthatches have completed their season. Our Bluebird Trail team checks nest boxes **every other Wednesday and Saturday**. Join our veteran Bluebird volunteers, Bob Bearss, Myles Black, and David Jones for a fascinating morning in the field and learn all about Bluebirds! The job of visiting the 43 boxes, counting eggs and fledglings, recording observations, and cleaning and repairing boxes is a very valuable service to the Bluebirds and to Birdsong. Bring a friend and help the Bluebird! Call for more information: (229) 377-4408.

## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT NOTES

June 14, 2018

**Weather** Once again, we have extremely unusual weather to report since the last newsletter. Just now another intense storm passed through, replete with brilliant lightning and resounding thunder fading into the distance. I do love a good storm and I feel much better in a rainy period than in a drought, but what a disconcerting stretch we are going through – 34 days of near-daily rain. Since April 1<sup>st</sup> we have recorded 14.00 inches, with 9.59 inches in the month of May. I have no recall of anything quite like this in the past – it is unexpected and different from any early summer I can remember. Perhaps finally a shift is coming: for the first time in weeks, the 10-day forecast is predicting that there will be a series of about 4 days of sunshine in a row next week.

Birdsong is experiencing plenty of impact from this weather: the place looks like a jungle. The woods are lush and deep green and even after all our burning it looks overgrown. Our ponds and swamp are full, and even with the beavers in high gear, the Farm Pond is overflowing. We have to be careful driving on the roads so as not to create ruts, and now our big challenges have arisen: Alan is trying to keep up with the trail mowing, and we are waiting for a dry stretch to start back up on our burning.

**The Pump House Bench** In the past week I have tried to come out and sit at the Pump House Bench for a while to observe the Purple Martins and try to figure out what is going on with this colony. I have been occupied with other things most of this nesting season and have missed coming out here until now. I still do not really understand all the intricacies of the relationships and numbers and nesting behavior of this year's group, but being here is a pleasure. Up until noon or so, this bench is in the shade and is located so a person can see a wide sweep of the House Pasture, Barn, lot, and the south wooded edge of the house garden. It is a beautiful vista, and apart from all the joyful chaos of the martin pole, I can see the House Pasture coming back nice and green from a good hot burn, with pleasingly scorched undesirables still showing their dead stems. The old Pear Tree by the barn had a great flowering this spring and was clearly well-pollinated – it is laden with small pears now, so many that the branches are weighed down. I can see the east side of the Barn and all the beautiful repair work that our volunteer construction team has done. Alan is down at the Equipment Shed working on the riding mower. Here comes a Kingbird, perching on a hickory stem near the pole, risking the ire of the Martins and clearly unconcerned about getting them stirred up. They are ignoring him for now. It is cool here in the shade; there is a delicious southerly breeze and the sky is blue, with a wonder of different shapes and layers of white clouds. This will no doubt change in the next few hours; there is a 100% chance of rain again today.

This place is also marvelous for all the interesting things a person can hear...even though I can't see them, I can hear a Bluebird singing, a Northern Bobwhite is wending his way in

from the south toward the Bird Window and calling as he goes, a Great-crested Flycatcher is courting and investigating possibilities inside the open door of the Barn. Near the house, an American Crow is calling, a Cardinal is singing, and a White-eyed Vireo is making his presence known. All this is in the background of the ongoing, cheerful, busy noise of eighteen Martin adults talking to one another and their children at the gourds. All of this lovely sound can soothe a person's heart and give one the chance to turn toward something hopeful and beautiful and life-affirming, which I personally need a lot lately. I can't recommend a session with the Martins enough...you can't help but feel better after a little time on the bench...nature always has our back.

As I've mentioned before, this bench and five others were made for us by John Loomis for his Eagle Scout project in 2012. It really is a gift that keeps on giving. The Martins will be here for another week or so, we think, so do come out for some bench time and enjoy their company before they leave us on their long voyage to south America.

**Purple Martins** I know I go on at length about our Martins, but there are few other wildlife species, birds or otherwise, that we are able to observe going through their entire nesting cycle in full view. These amazing birds also remind us how important appropriate management of natural resources is – what we do right here has a profound impact on a species that spends two-thirds of its life in another hemisphere.

Right now I can count eighteen birds out flying. We started out with six gourds containing babies, which we think meant twelve adults, six pairs, nesting. As of right now, there are five nests with up to two babies in them, and most are getting very close to flying. They are in great condition, actually standing on the doorsill as they wait for a parental fly-by with a bug or dragonfly. One set of babies is well behind the others, development-wise, so we think it must be the second brood of the season.

We are thrilled to have gotten to this point. Over the past week there was some high drama and things were not looking very hopeful. Two weeks ago on Saturday, Sandra Sallee and I were getting ready for the Take A Child Outside program, things were normal at the pole, when suddenly there was a full-on predator alarm down at the gourds. From the back porch at the house you could see an enormous vortex of flying, scolding, very upset Martins swooping down to attack something on the ground. I ran down there and scared off a Crow who was startled enough to leave his kill behind, and found a dead adult female Martin with a huge hole pecked in her side. The Martins were totally incensed and left to chase him away. My assumption is that this Crow saw an opportunity to try to go for a baby, got run off by the angry mother and ended up killing her... So that day we were all upset. Crows are so very intelligent and incredibly persistent. My great fear was, OK, now this one knows he or she can pick off a Martin and this could become a daily occurrence. This colony has gone through a lot this year and we are very pleased to have had any all nesting at after last year's one pair raising one brood, so it was

terribly discouraging to think of losing any more. There was also the chance that, should this harassment continue, the Martins could become completely turned off by this site and not return. All unacceptable outcomes.

The following Tuesday, on the way back from an experimental burn, Carolyn Cohen noticed that one of the nesting gourds was down on the ground. Alarmed, we ran over and found a broken gourd with a dead baby in it partially eaten by fireants. Apparently earlier in the day a Crow must have come by and tried to take a Martin baby, and somehow in its efforts knocked the gourd off its hook and it broke upon impact. So we lost two babies that day.

We started listening carefully, and spending more time on the bench to see if we could deter any more attacks. We did observe two or three all-out mobbings take place, so the parents were on full alert and taking no nonsense – any Crow coming by on its way to the suet and corn at the Bird Window got the full brunt of the entire colony chasing, pecking and hollering at them. This may have become deterrent enough because as of now, we've seen no more Crow interest in the pole, and in fact they aren't even flying over the lot.

As if this drama was not enough, this week I was trying to take count, and all of a sudden a Sharp-shinned Hawk came rocketing in chasing an adult, who got away, and then the whole colony mobbed it and ran him off to a nearby tree, where they harassed him some more and he flew off and did not return.

Last Friday, I was on my way out and Alan came to tell me that a Martin baby was down. I went to check - the baby wasn't quite ready to fly; it was a hot afternoon and he had bailed out. We dragged out the ladder and I got up as high as I could handle and put him in one of the gourds. Later that day Alan had to return two more escapees to a gourd. Fortunately, Martin parents will find their own baby of course and other parents will chip in and help. So as far as we can tell those birds made it. One thing we learned from handling these little ones was that they were in excellent condition – strong and feisty and no bird lice. I think it might be thanks to all the rain, which has probably helped with the flying insect population that the parents hunt for, as well as cooling off the gourds on a nearly daily basis. In past years, especially those of drought and endlessly sunny hot days, such little birds that bail out tend to be thin and loaded with bird lice which crawl all over your hands if you handle them. Not so this year!

Raising young is not an easy task in the world of the Purple Martin, or anyone's world I am sure. These beautiful birds, elegant fliers and devoted parents all, continue every season to impress me with their dedication and willingness to risk everything for their offspring.

*Note from June 19<sup>th</sup>*, five days after all of the above. I had a page of information about all the fledging and activity that has happened, but now I'll just give you the current status. As of this morning, all babies have fledged, except for the second-brood pair. There have been great celebrations with hours of escorting and flying upon a baby's first leap into the

air...lots of joyful noise, with the last pair of "big" babies leaving this morning. So this colony has managed to get at least fifteen babies out into the world with two to go. This is wonderful considering the odd way the season started, with only one pair nesting early.

We wish the Martins every benefit in getting these remaining two babies out and in one piece, as soon as possible. By the time the next newsletter comes to you, this entire colony will have successfully fledged their final brood, gathered everyone together and taken off for the Gulf coast, where they will gang up with thousands of other Martins and then make the great journey back to Brasil. We wish them a successful migration and hope to see some of them next year!

**Land Management** The late spring burning had been going very well; we had completed about 55 % of what we'd planned to do this warm season. There had been some challenges but our crew is the best ever and we made steady progress up until mid-May – and then the daily rains began. We were happy to have the rain for the vegetation and the water table, but as week after week went by with rain predicted 10 days out every time, it became obvious that our plans had to change. Now we are on weather watch, hoping for a series of dry days in a row with low afternoon humidity. We are waiting.

With all the rain, the areas we did burn are greening up beautifully, but the rest of the place is lush and wild and looks like a 10-year rough. We are very pleased with several areas that had brush problems – now Alan can get in and mow the burned and dead brush fairly easily. The Gin House Field is beautiful, but even with an excellent hot burn the briars and sumac are sprouting back, thriving on the rain. It is challenging to keep a field a field!

It has been an interesting summer so far. Please come out and see Birdsong for yourself. We are always interested in your sightings and experiences. Come and spend some bench time and let us know what you observe!

- KDB



**BIRDSONG NATURE CENTER WISHES TO THANK:**

***Our Very Special Program Leaders***

Beth Grant, for leading the *Mother’s Day Nature Walk* with her son Brian.

Marvin Collins, for leading out *Late Spring Birding Tour* on the trailer. See page 5 for a listing of sightings.

Sandra Sallee, for leading the *Take a Child Outside and get Wet and Muddy!* program with support from Carolyn Cohen.

Lora Smith, for leading a wonderful Gopher Tortoise Workshop and bringing several beautiful upland snakes and a gopher tortoise so we could meet them up close and in person.

***Special Financial Gifts***

Thank you to the many people who made a donation to Birdsong in memory of our dear friend and volunteer L.M. “Roy” Strickland, Jr. We send our sincere condolences to his children Sherry, Matt, Mike, and Mark and other family members and friends.

Allison Picone , Martha Hardy, Harry Mullikin, Sylvan and Cheryl Strickland

Marsha Walker, Sherry Shields, Paulette Frischman, Anneliese Oppenheim

Timothy Watson, Thelma Faison , Wayne and Lyn Quinsey

Russell and April Cross, Paul Vergas, Christopher Barkas

Richard and Dorothy Pesta, Gary and Linda Sessa, Glenn and Katy Johnston

***Special Thanks To:***

Our wonderful volunteer construction team, for continuing their professional repairs to the historic Barn. Their work is beautiful, and we thank them all: Glen Berman, Buddy Holshouser, Mike Duggar and Mike Brezin.

June White, Plant Sale Chair and Mirhi Childs, Beth Grant, Alan Parker, and Yvonne Stinson for setting up and operating our Thomasville Rose Festival Art-in-the-Park booth, where our left-over plants from the Plant Sale were sold.

Member Hugh Boyter, for the gift of a nice selection of nature books and field guides.

Bluebird Trail monitors Myles Black, Bob Bearss and Dr. David Jones, for their careful monitoring and data collection on the Bluebird Trail. They are doing a fantastic job, it is mid-season and interesting things are happening and we invite you to join them!

Volunteer and WILD Woman Carolyn Cohen, for the gift of a Bluebird Trail monitoring program book.

Winnie and Wolf Adolph, for their ongoing work at managing the Birdsong Gift Shop and having it stocked with interesting, whimsical, and beautiful items that we all enjoy.

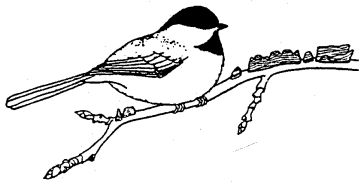
Bob Dunn and Wolf Adolph, for ongoing ID and photographic documentation of birds at the Bird Window; Bob Dunn for donating the beautiful coasters with his bird portraits on them for the gift shop.

Phil Gornicki, Bird Window volunteer, for helping visitors on Wednesdays and for his support on days we have a group visiting Birdsong.

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How did you learn about Birdsong? From a member of Birdsong, the news media, word of mouth, our newsletter, etc?

Please be specific: \_\_\_\_\_

### I would like to join the Friends of Birdsong in the following category:

- Individual Friend                      \$30      Bird Window and Nature Trails free during open hours.  
Two free one-time guest passes.  
Member discount on scheduled programs.  
10% discount on items at the Chickadee Corner Gift Shop.  
Bimonthly newsletter. Reciprocal general admission at participating nature centers nationwide (call for list).
- Family/Friends                              \$45      All of the above benefits for each member of the immediate household. Four free one-time guest passes.
- Friends of the Cardinal                      \$60      Five free one-time guest passes in addition to above.
- Friends of the Chickadee                      \$100     Six free one-time guest passes in addition to above.
- Business/Corporate Friend    \$100-\$1,000    One free one-time guest pass for each \$10 of membership (ie., 25 passes for \$250) and recognition in newsletter. Call for more information.
- Friends of the Hummingbird                  \$250     Hummingbird feeder in addition to above.
- Friends of the Bluebird                      \$500     Bluebird nesting box in addition to above.
- Birdsong Naturalist                          \$1,000    Personal tour of Birdsong with Executive Director and/or Board Chair for up to 6 people. Call for more information.

I do not wish to receive any (above) benefits with my membership and would like the whole amount tax deductible.

### I would like to support Birdsong by volunteering to help as follows:

- |   |  |                                      |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Window Instructor   | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Development                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial/legal guidance | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations                            | _____                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund raising             | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on Board of Directors                 | _____                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter                  | (please submit resume)   | _____                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Shop Assistant      | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching (birds, nature walks, stars, etc.) | _____                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Management          |  | _____                                |

Memberships are renewable one year after the sign-up date. Members can upgrade to a higher category membership by sending the balance within the year. Memberships are deductible in part, depending on the value of goods and services received. Please call for information. Receipts stating the value provided and the deductible amount will be sent to those joining at the \$100 or higher level.

# NEW FRIENDS OF BIRDSONG

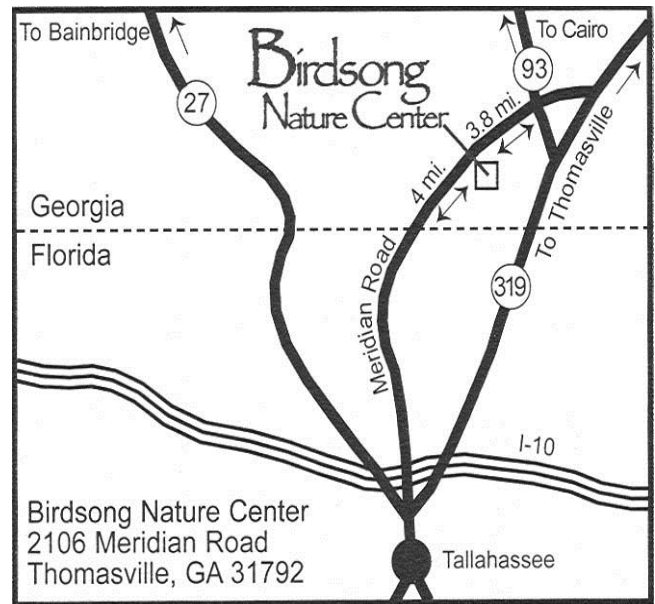
## **Tallahassee**

Pat Simmons  
Katherine Gossman

## **Other**

Deborah Blakey  
Sara Steyerman

Tifton, GA  
Freeport, FL



### DIRECTIONS:

From Tallahassee: Meridian Road north, 4 miles past FL/ GA border (marked by a blue sign that reads Grady Co.), on right side of road. OR 319 north, turn left onto Rt. 93, then turn left onto Meridian Road, 3.8 miles on left side of road.

From Thomasville: 319 south, turn right at Marathon gas station onto Meridian Road, approximately 5 miles from Marathon or 3.8 miles from stop sign at Rt. 93, on left side of road.

Watch for small sign that reads "Birdsong".

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