

# Birdsong Nature Center

January-February 2023

TRAILS AND BIRD WINDOW OPEN WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS

*Hours: Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 9 to 5  
Sundays 1 to 5*

## January

- Jan. 5 Butterfly Garden Workday
- Jan. 7 Free Family Day
- Jan. 14 Land Management Overview for Volunteers
- Jan. 21 Winter Tree and Shrub Identification
- Jan. 24 Land Management Workday

## February

- Feb. 2 Butterfly Garden Workday
- Feb. 4 Free Family Day
- Feb. 9 Land Management Workday
- Feb. 18 Take a Child Outside in the Wintertime

*Please, no pets on Nature Center property.*

**Admission:** members, free; non-member adults, \$5.00; children 4-12, \$2.50

**Holiday Closure:** Birdsong will be closed starting on Wednesday, December 21 and will re-open on Wednesday, January 4

Dear Friends,

One of the most important projects we have been working on over this past year is the conservation easement (CE) on 444 acres of Birdsong property that will be administered by Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy. This CE will protect the property from commercial development and insure ecologically appropriate land management practices in perpetuity. We are currently in the process of refining the legal language of the easement documents. We plan on having the documents finalized and submitted to Tall Timber's Board for their review and approval in April 2023. The CE is an integral part of the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) grant that had been awarded to Tall Timbers in coordination with Birdsong Nature Center. We look forward to potentially having completed all the remaining requirements for the grant by late spring or early summer.

The House and Garden Improvement projects continue to move forward with much of the planned work already completed or in progress. Several large trees, damaged by age, lightning, etc., and a threat to structures and people, have been removed, as have dangerously overhanging limbs of other trees. This allows us to begin re-roofing work. The House bathroom renovation has seen much progress with the plumbing and electrical work. Work in the garden is also underway to remove invasives and clear overgrown areas near the House. All this important work has been made possible by generous donations to the House and Garden Improvements Campaign, and we couldn't thank you all enough for your kind support. If you would like to help Birdsong with these projects, please consider making a year-end gift to the House and Garden Improvements Campaign. Rest assured that every cent your kind gift will be put to its maximum best use!

All of us at the Nature Center want to wish you a very happy and healthy year in 2023. We deeply appreciate your support over this past year and hope you will visit often in the year ahead.

Sincerely and with warmest wishes,  
Joe Peresich, Board President

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## 2022 FALL PLANT SALE UPDATE

The camaraderie was great at our two fall plant sales – we have the best volunteers! It was good to be together again with gardening friends after our summer disappearances, and we also got some very welcome new workers and plant donors. One gardener brought plants all the way from Panama City, Florida.

Fall is the best time to plant most things in our zone, but it seems that the urge to get out and dig and plant in the spring trumps good judgement. We did not have our usual huge turnout of plant shoppers for the two fall sales.

But – the two very successful sales in the spring made up for the lower fall attendance. The combined 2022 Plant Sale income for Birdsong was \$20,000, which comes close to our huge single-day sale pre-Covid total!

Now we are excited about 2023. In the greenhouse we have several interesting salvias, a few Nun's Orchids already forming buds, and over a hundred of the old-timey Pentas that Betty Jinright's daughter Barbara rooted from cuttings. Once again, we will have rare and hard-to-find Silverbell Trees as well as a huge collection of native azaleas and our ever-expanding native perennial offerings.

We hope all your plants thrive and put down roots in the wet cool winter months ahead, and we hope to see you at the spring sales. We'll kick off our season with a booth at the Metcalfe Spring Market on March 11<sup>th</sup>, and will have a sale at Birdsong on March 25<sup>th</sup>. There is a possibility we may follow that up with one more sale, date to be announced.

- June White  
Plant Sale Chair



## THANK YOU, FALL PLANT SALE VOLUNTEERS!

We want to thank all our dedicated and talented workers who made our fall plant sales so rewarding and so much fun! We hope to see you again in the spring!

Carole Hayes	Yvonne Stinson	JoAnn Gysi
Sandra Sallee	Sharman Franklin	Albert Harrison
Lynn Brown	Beth Grant	Michael Carter
Sherry Nichols	Ute Schorn	Brenda Coy
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Scott Ball	Ben White	Betty Esco
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Dan Miller	Melissa Rigsby	Martha Crouch Sherman
Julia Sawyer	Sharon Kindred	

## **2022 HOUSE AND GARDEN PROJECT**

### **It is not too late to contribute!**

Thank you very much to all of those who have donated to the 2022 House and Garden Project. We have been very touched by the gifts and comments sent in by our members and friends. So far we have received 117 gifts and have brought in over two-thirds of our \$65,000 goal. It is not too late to give – if you would like to make a tax-deductible year-end gift and help us get closer to our goal, we would be very appreciative. The closer we get to the goal, the more aspects of our project we'll be able to complete.

Thanks to your gifts we have made good progress on several fronts. We've been able to get our three problem trees cut down – Armstrong Tree Service has removed the worrisome lightning-struck loblolly, aging and shedding pecan, and invasive camphor tree. They also removed an additional old pecan, three other smaller trees and problematic limbs overhanging the house and porch. The bathroom renovation is proceeding, and we've replaced the huge old inefficient water heater with a pass-through heater that takes up no space and heats beautifully. Mike Fallin Plumbing did that work for us and donated the heater to a good cause. The Native Nurseries landscaping crew has come out for six workdays and have done a great job clearing out a substantial area of the overgrown garden on the west and south sides of the house. Their good work will allow us to plant native shrubs and trees, maintain the garden, and control invasives much more easily from now on.

In the new year we plan to continue with our garden clearing and replace both roofs on the house and porch. Our talented volunteer construction crew is helping us to keep costs down on the bathroom renovation and the porch re-screening by doing a substantial part of the work themselves. We'll report back on these efforts in more detail in the next newsletter.

Please feel welcome to come out and see where our projects stand – we think you will be pleased! Those of you who have given already have a lot to be proud of. For anyone who might want to participate, we are still seeking gifts and would love to hear from you. You may send a check to Birdsong Nature Center, 2106 Meridian Road, Thomasville, GA 31792, or you may donate online at [www.birdsongnaturecenter.org](http://www.birdsongnaturecenter.org) – please indicate that your gift is intended for the House and Garden Project.

Thank you very much! We will keep you posted on our projects as they are completed and we will have a celebration this spring to acknowledge you, our wonderful donors!

## **WOLF CREEK TROUT LILY PRESERVE**

### ***Visit Wolf Creek in February, when the Trout Lilies bloom...***

The Wolf Creek Trout Lily Preserve is a biologically diverse 140-acre hardwood forest about 5 miles west of Cairo in Grady County, Georgia. It is home to one of the largest (about 15 acres) and most dense populations (nearly every square inch) of the Trout Lily, *Erythronium umbilicatum*, known to exist anywhere. The beautiful Trout Lily is a threatened species in Florida and rarely found in south Georgia. Also present are several other rare plants: *Trillium maculatum*; *Uvularia floridana*; Bloodroot; Crane Fly, Green Fly and Southern Tway Blade orchids, among others.

Preserve volunteers will be offering field trips to see this amazing site in full bloom in February. The peak bloom dates vary widely depending on the weather. Here is a link to the Wolf Creek website, where you can learn about its uplifting conservation story, as well as the upcoming season's bloom, tours, and hours when the site may be open to the public. We urge you to go; Wolf Creek is a precious site and one of the most impressive botanical displays of our area. You will love it! See [www.wolfcreektroutlilypreserve.org](http://www.wolfcreektroutlilypreserve.org).

## **WINTER TREE AND SHRUB IDENTIFICATION**

**With Dan Miller and Wilson Baker**

**Saturday, January 21, from 9:30 to noon**

Please join us this January for a wintertime tree and shrub identification field tour with Dan Miller and Wilson Baker. Dan is the former owner of Trillium Gardens Nursery and has served as a volunteer co-leader of our Plant Sales for 15 years. He has a lifelong interest in native plants and promotes expanding their use in gardening. Wilson was the first research biologist hired at Tall Timbers and has worked for the Nature Conservancy and as a private consultant on rare and endangered plants and the longleaf pine ecosystem. He specializes in trees and woody plants. Dan and Wilson are the two key people who identified and led the early effort to preserve what is now known as Wolf Creek Trout Lily Preserve, an outstanding conservation story (see link on page 3). Dan and Wilson are both superb botanists and naturalists and we are really looking forward to spending a morning in the woods with them.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn how to identify trees and shrubs using a tree's location, bark, buds, shape, and any lingering fallen leaves. Dan and Wilson can help us learn to key in on these significant characteristics to narrow down an identification. You will also get to visit several interesting plant communities on Birdsong. We will ride out on the trailer and visit pre-selected sites to observe a variety of tree species in their natural habitat.

Please dress for the weather and bring any favorite ID guides. We will provide water and a snack on the truck. Dan and Wilson are both amazing sources of botanical knowledge and you will learn a tremendous amount about native trees from them – it will be an enjoyable day! You are welcome to bring lunch if you wish to picnic afterwards.

\$10 members, \$15 non-members. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**, as there are limited spaces on the trailer. This program is intended for adults. We will have a \$5-off membership special that day.

### **BUTTERFLY GARDEN WORKDAYS**

**Thursdays, January 5 and February 2**

**9:00AM to Noon**

Birdsong's Butterfly Gardeners meet on the first Thursday of each month at 9am. Please feel welcome to join this accomplished and active crew of volunteers to tend our beautiful Butterfly Garden! Bring gardening gloves, knee pads, clippers, and lunch if you wish to stay afterwards. For more information call Donna Legare at (850)386-1148 or Birdsong at (229)377-4408.

### **FREE FAMILY DAYS**

**First Saturdays: January 7 and February 4**

**Admission: free**

On first Saturdays of the month admission is free and we will offer a \$5-off membership special. If you know of any families who have never been to Birdsong, please let them know about this opportunity. This is a nice chance for first-time visitors to enjoy the trails, get to know the property, and visit the Bird Window and Butterfly Garden.

### **TAKE A CHILD OUTSIDE IN THE WINTERTIME!**

**Saturday, February 18**

**9:30AM - Noon**

Bring your favorite child to Birdsong and let them lead you on a natural adventure in the winter woods with Sandra Sallee and Carolyn Cohen. Give an ongoing gift to your child: an appreciation of nature, a better understanding of where they live, and use of all their senses. We will walk the trails to search for evidence of animal homes, sign, and winter behavior. Enjoy the fresh air, some exercise, and time with your child in the great outdoors. We will collect natural materials along the way and create a craft upon returning to the Barn.

\$5 Friends, \$7 nonmembers, children half-price. **RESERVATIONS, PLEASE** by Friday February 17th, so we know how many to prepare for. Includes a handout and resource list for year-round outdoor activities with children.

## 2023 LAND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW FOR VOLUNTEERS

**Saturday, January 14, 10AM – 12PM**

Join us for a trail ride and conversation about Birdsong's land management plans for 2023. Whether you are a seasoned veteran or a newcomer who has been thinking about volunteering, this overview is designed to give you an understanding of our long-range land management vision and show you specific projects and ongoing efforts we'll actively engage in this year. We'll also discuss the significance and details of our close-to-completed conservation easement.

This session is important for anyone who wants to help us burn this year, as well as anyone interested in volunteering to learn about and help with year-round invasive species removal, trail maintenance, and native plant and wildlife habitat enhancement. New folks will get to talk to our experienced burn crew volunteers who have been helping us for many years and who can tell you all about how our last season went and show you the results of their efforts. We'll spend the morning in the field and return to the house for lunch together. You will get to meet some wonderful people and come away with an understanding of how valuable your volunteer role can be in Birdsong's land management.

No charge. **RESERVATIONS, PLEASE.** Call by Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> to reserve your place on the trailer or for more information. Bring a sandwich; drinks and dessert provided. Dress for the weather.

### LAND MANAGEMENT WORKDAYS

**Tuesday, January 24<sup>h</sup> and Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
9am to noon**

We have lots of land management projects to work on this winter and could really use your help. Many of these projects are in support of our burn program. If you enjoy working outdoors with good-natured companions, we have opportunities for you. Alan Parker, our land and site expert, will take us out to work on projects such as raking and clearing around trees and snags prior to burning; removing unwanted shortleaf saplings, sweet gums and other hardwoods from the longleaf pine site; and clearing the trails and fire lanes of any fallen trees and overhanging limbs.

Be prepared for the weather and bring work gloves. If you have a favorite pair of loppers, a saw, or other tools, you are welcome to bring them, but we do have tools on site. There will be water and a snack on the truck; bring a sandwich if you want to have lunch together and we'll provide drinks and dessert.

Please let us know you are coming so we can prepare for lunch and/or contact us for more information: call 229-377-4408 or email [kathleen@birdsongnaturecenter.org](mailto:kathleen@birdsongnaturecenter.org).

### BECOME A NATURAL LEADER Training, Part 3

**Friday, January 27, 9am to noon**

On Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> we held Part 2 of our three-part *Become a Natural Leader* training and focused on *How to Lead a Nature Walk for Children*. The individuals in our group have a wide range of talents and everyone contributed their expertise to this experience, making it a delightful and rewarding day. We discussed ideal practices for working with a teacher/leader in advance of a school group, planning the day, greeting and orienting a group, how to teach on the trail, leading a visit to the Bird Window, and many other topics. Thank you very much to our participants who attended that day: Sharman Franklin, Sandra Sallee, Laurie Jones, Serena Ernst, Carolyn Cohen, Alan Parker, Lia Andress, Kate Taluga, Michael Weed, Faith Hazelip, Lynn Brown, and Ken Kuhl. We are very fortunate to be working with this dedicated and caring group of volunteers. Our next training will be:

**Part 3: A 3-hour plant and wildlife ID session** onsite at Birdsong so leaders may learn to identify our most common plants, birds, insects, etc. We will also spend more time orienting ourselves to Birdsong's trails and identifying useful teaching points.

There is only one training left, but if you have an interest in getting involved and joining us, please call Kathleen Brady at 229-377-4408 or email [kathleen@birdsongnaturecenter.org](mailto:kathleen@birdsongnaturecenter.org) to schedule your screening interview and make reservations. Please call by *Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>* to reserve a space.

## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT NOTES December 11, 2022

**Weather** We are enjoying the beauty and mystical quality of several foggy mornings here recently. It is late fall, and the weather has been extremely variable. Since the last newsletter, when we were so concerned about drought, we finally got some rain after another month of mostly dry weather. When Hurricane Nicole came through, we did get a much-needed 1.85 inches. Since then, we have had a few nice 0.73-inch rains, but we'd be happy to have more. Things are still quite dry, and the swamp and ponds are below their usual levels. At least the drought has been broken and there is rain in the forecast.

**Our Woods in Fall** This is a lovely time of year to visit Birdsong. The weather is cool and pleasant, making walking enjoyable; these bright sunny days reveal the multitude of textures and subtle palettes of fall. This time of year we get to really see how many beautiful hardwood trees there are in places like the Big Bay drain, Wildlife Woods, and the east ridge. There was a lot of intense color this year, and we are seeing the final phases of vivid leaves fading and then falling. Our hickories turned the woods south of the House Pasture pure gold, with their rust-colored oak neighbors mixed in.

South of the House Pasture, at the bottom of the slope, is a creek that feeds Big Bay Swamp. This is a lovely area, full of trees and shrubs that thrive near water, including bays and wild azaleas and ferns. Throughout this drain and upslope on both sides are sourwood trees. These trees are a modest green for most of the year, but in fall we see their wild side – they turn the most fabulous shades of pink and ruby and salmon. What a show we had this year! Walking to this area late in the afternoon when the sun is going down and seeing the warm colors of these trees in the woods from a distance– it really feels like fall. When you get closer and can see each tree and their individual lance-shaped leaves glowing in the sun – the beauty of it is touching.

We often vilify sweetgum because it is so prolific and wants to grow where we don't want it to grow, so it is an ongoing and annoying land management challenge. This time of year, however, we have to admire it – the star-shaped leaves turn all shades of gold to maroon to red, and the trees have a lovely elongated pyramidal shape. They are striking and beautiful and we have enjoyed them. As soon as we can light a fire, we'll hope to control their spread, but for now, we have to admit – they are beautiful.

One of the pleasures of walking on the trails this time of year among leaves falling from the colorful trees is that familiar sound of dry leaves crunching under our feet. It really reminds us that we do get to en-

joy significant seasonal changes here where we live – and this is the beginning of winter.

**Our Fields in Fall** Two other places where we can really enjoy the evidence of the seasons changing are the House Pasture and the Gin House Field. Both these open fields hosted brilliant displays of gold and yellow wildflowers blooming from late September through most of October. There was a sea of Goldenrod, *Pityopsis*, and Narrow-leaved sunflowers across both wide vistas. We also enjoyed the huge patches of purple *Liatris* wands interspersed among the yellow. The wild abandon of all that gorgeous color has now shifted. Each of those thousands upon thousands of tiny little flowers on all those big shapely plants is now a seed, showing off its tiny fuzzy seed covering, each species with a unique seedhead shape and persona. The only view more beautiful than a fall sea of vivid gold wildflowers is a winter sea of subtle, pale, downy wildflower seedheads, interspersed with silky grasses. If you come out for a walk in the afternoon when the sun is heading down in the west, these fields with their variety and abundance of post-blooming plants will be illuminated, the sun lighting up a tiny halo around every little drying seed. In the Gin House Field you can now see wide bands of fawn-colored broomsedge, extending across the field, curving along with the shape of the terraces, some with brushy beige tops, some with white downy pendants. The depression in the middle of the field is filled with tiny pale gold pom-poms of *Pityopsis*. The Goldenrod occurs in big patches, with curved, elegant flowertops laden with furry seedheads. You can take in this view at the east entrance to the Gin House Field, and gaze west across this wide, diverse vista. I recommend observing this through your binoculars. The wealth of it all is astounding. You will be amazed at the sheer variety, the quantity, the beauty and the value of a field of wild plants glowing in the late fall light.

**Some nice fall sightings** We are amazed to see lots of Zebra Longwings out now, flying all around the gardens, searching for the last *Bidens alba* flowers, also known as tickseed or Spanish needles. Longwings are one of our favorite butterflies and it is lovely to see so many, this late in the season, with their distinctive lilting flight, heading for the nearest white flowers. The *Bidens* is past its blooming peak and is mostly seeded out now, but the remaining flowers are clearly valuable nectar sources for these late butterflies. A surprise for us was to see Zebra Longwings settling on the beautiful pink camellia flowers next to the Bird Window pool – where the White-eyed Vireo hides. They appeared to be feeding. What a color contrast!

The yaupon holly “island” is being vigorously defended by its owner, the resident Mockingbird. This

beautiful patch of yaupon is at its peak – it is loaded with bright shiny red berries, fully ripe. This happens just in time for the arrival of the Cedar Waxwings and American Robins – to the great chagrin of the Mockingbird, who is now on full alert and guarding his territory. So far, only a few other birds have stopped by, and things have been quiet, but when the Waxwings arrive in flocks, he will be doing battle.

It is that time of year when our White-tailed Deer population is making itself known. Bucks are claiming territory and searching for mates. There is lots of evidence of their ardor – there are wide scrapes with emphatic stamps in the middle all along our wooded trails. Three of these can be easily found along the east-west trail south of the House Pasture. They were freshly dug about two weeks ago and are now tended and re-scraped and re-stamped from time to time. One at the west end is quite deep and has a perfect hoof stamp in it; farther to the east there is one in the middle of a trail intersection where tree branches hang low and are the ideal height for antler rubbing. The scrape here is four feet across, no grass left, broken twigs above. He means it!

Alan had another wonderful sighting to report recently. He was working at the Farm Pond and got to witness three otters playing in the pond! When they realized Alan was watching them, they climbed out onto the Farm Pond Dam. Two slipped over the side toward the creek, and one apparently felt ambivalent and moved back and forth, deciding whether to go back in the pond or to follow his mates. He was a beautiful big otter, heavyset and sleek – when he made up his mind to bolt and finally loped off across the dam and down to the drain he looked to be about 3.5 feet long. Impressive!

Wintertime brings on another lovely natural phenomenon in Big Bay Swamp – Wood Ducks are hanging out in mixed groups of males and females. I scared up a flock of them in the very late afternoon last week. As happens often if you startle a flock of Wood Ducks, by the time I heard them squealing their wild warning calls and turned to find them, they were already airborne, water splashing everywhere, wings beating and ducks disappearing into the trees.

***The Bird Window*** Every year from late October to early January there is a drop-off in numbers of birds visiting the Bird Window. By this time of year our residents have successfully fledged their last broods and there is plenty of wild food available. Right now, the yaupon berries are abundant, cherry laurel trees are laden, there are still some American beauty berries and winged sumac berries here and there, and it is still warm enough that plenty of insects remain active. The birds just don't need us right now, like they do the rest of the year. Over the past month there were

many days when we checked on the Window and saw no birds at all.

Just in the last few weeks, we've been glad to see some migrants and winter residents arrive: Chipping Sparrows, Yellow-rumped Warblers, Pine Warblers, Hermit Thrush, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, American Robins, American Goldfinch and White-throated Sparrow. Bird Window volunteer Wendy Loquasto got to see a Ruby-crowned Kinglet displaying its red crown – a rare sighting! Yesterday, the first Cedar Waxwings came in to visit the pool – that was a treat.

A White-eyed Vireo has been entertaining us recently with its manic dipping routine – it hides in the camellia to the left of the pool and dashes out, flings itself into the water with a splash, and zips back into the camellia for cover. This happens in the blink of an eye, and it can take quite a few dips with us watching through the binoculars before we can confirm who we've seen. After four or five of these dips, the vireo spends some time actively preening while hidden from view – all we can see are camellia leaves moving.

A Ruby-throated Hummingbird was last seen at the Bird Window on October 21<sup>st</sup>. A few days ago, on December 7th, Lynn spotted a hummingbird on the feeder outside her office that she maintains through the winter. The bird had its back to us and we couldn't make a good ID for a while. Finally, it showed us its front side and face. Lynn is fairly certain it is a female Ruby-throated; she took some good photos. We are always hopeful that one of the rare (at Birdsong) western visitors will stop by and perhaps stay for the winter.

The winter season at Birdsong is approaching – the showy colors and intense activity of fall, with its wildflowers and accompanying butterflies and other busy pollinators and courting birds have subsided. In winter, the character of the woods and fields is more subtle and muted; there is less activity, and the visiting and resident birds are in their understated winter attire. However, if you take some time to come out and wander and really look, there are untold wonders to discover at Birdsong in winter.

- KDB



## NEW FRIENDS OF BIRDSONG

### *Thomasville*

Winton McClendon  
Mark Agee

### *Tallahassee*

Jay Roebuck  
Jeff Jerrett and Jenifer Fellers  
George Fellers and Catherine Leonard  
Stephen Van Horn  
Robert Smith  
Caitlin Snyder  
Heidi Huelskoetter  
Danielle Stanek

### *Other*

Kathy Chastain    Tifton, GA  
Celia Bass        Cairo, GA

## THANK YOU, HANDS ON THOMAS COUNTY AND FLOWERS VOLUNTEERS!

We want to thank Hands On Thomas County for including us in their annual Work Day on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and for sending us a wonderful team of volunteers from Flowers Bakeries. Shane Morris led a team of 21 adults and several teens, who spent a morning working hard on clearing out invasive plants from under our iconic magnolia tree in the front garden. They transformed this site and it is restored to its former beauty. Thank you very much to HOTC and to Shane and his excellent team!

## BIRDSONG NATURE CENTER WISHES TO THANK:

### *In Memory of Michael Miller:*

Bradley and Anna Hartman  
Brenda Coy

### *In Memory of Peggy Loyless:*

Tom Loyless

### *In Memory of Wade and Sharon Chastain:*

Lindsey Ansel  
Karen Leabo-Barry  
Gale Gainey

### *Special Financial Gifts:*

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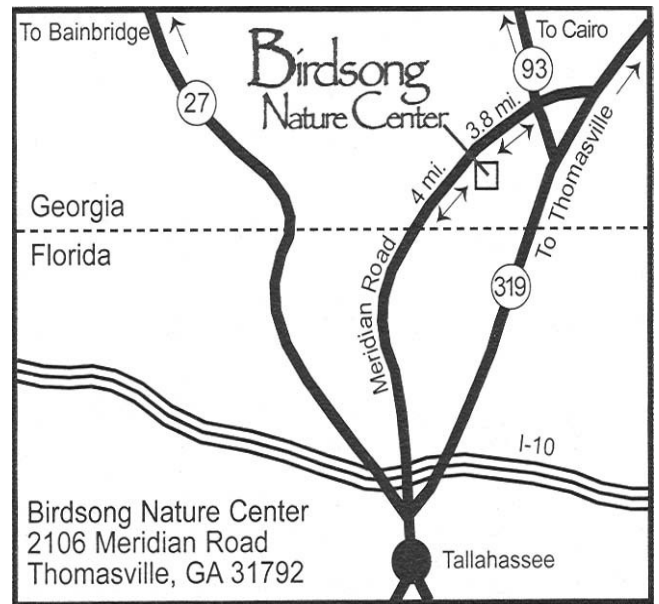
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From Tallahassee: Meridian Road north, 4 miles past FL/ GA border (marked by a blue sign that reads Grady Co.), on right side of road. OR 319 north, turn left onto Rt. 93, then turn left onto Meridian Road, 3.8 miles on left side of road.

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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