

# Birdsong Nature Center

March-April 2023

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

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

## March

- March 2 Butterfly Garden Workday
- March 4 Free Family Day
- March 11 Spring Plant Sale, Metcalfe Spring Market
- March 16 Land Management Workday
- March 25 Spring Plant Sale, Birdsong Nature Center

## April

- April 1 Free Family Day
- April 6 Butterfly Garden Workday
- April 6 Land Management Workday
- April 8 Spring Migration Bird Walk
- April 22 Atlanta Contemporary Ensemble *The Language of Birds*
- April 29 Take a Child Outside in the Springtime

*Please, no pets on Nature Center property.*

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

Dear Friends,

In years past we could typically begin this newsletter issue with enthusiastic mention of the approaching *Old-Timey Plant Sale*, our big annual fundraiser. In 2020 the single-day, mid-March event we'd developed over 14 consecutive years had to be canceled, of course. Since then, we have been working on updating the sale format. And while the format has certainly changed, our enthusiasm has not! Currently, the Plant Sale is a series of smaller events occurring in Spring and Fall, with the venue expanded beyond the Nature Center property. The two 2023 Birdsong Spring Plant Sales take place on March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Metcalfe Spring Market and on March 25<sup>th</sup> at Birdsong Nature Center. Details are in this newsletter, and we look forward to seeing you in Metcalfe and at Birdsong! Special thanks to Plant Sale Chair June White and the many dedicated Plant Sale volunteers who work all year to make the sales not only possible, but the delightful and successful events that they are!

Regarding the forthcoming conservation easement (CE) over Birdsong's property, we want to let you know that Birdsong's easement documents have been approved by the Tall Timbers Easement Review Committee. These include a baseline documentation report detailing Birdsong's property and its resources, a conservation management plan laying out how the property will be managed under the easement, and the conservation easement legal contract between Birdsong and Tall Timbers. The Birdsong Board will do a final review and the documents then go to the Tall Timbers Board of Directors for final approval in April. Georgia DNR will then do its review to complete the process. We thought the easement would be completed this spring, but with this revised schedule we'll have our planned celebration in the fall.

It has been a busy winter at Birdsong, with nature programs, land management workdays, and volunteer training events in full swing. Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers, members, donors, and staff who keep Birdsong thriving. The Center would not be here today for all to enjoy but for your exceptional support, and we can never thank you enough for all that you do for Birdsong Nature Center!

Sincerely and with very best wishes,  
Joe Peresich, Board Chair

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**Spring Plant Sales**  
**Saturday, March 11, 9 to 3 at Metcalfe Spring Market**  
**Saturday, March 25, 9 to 1 at Birdsong**

It's almost plant sale time again! Birdsong Nature Center will have two plant sales this Spring.

We've been invited to sell plants at the fabulous Metcalfe Spring Market on Saturday, March 11. We'll have an extensive collection of native perennials, shrubs, and trees, including many varieties of native azaleas, from the delicate exquisitely fragrant white flowered "Hammocksweet" to the flaming "Jake's Red" with huge flower panicles. We'll have our favorite old-timey Pentas and many other reliable garden plants.

Metcalfe is a small village in South Georgia that has had much of its old charm restored by hard working residents who have put a lot of work and loving care into renovation and sprucing up. It is a lovely place to visit and The Metcalfe Spring Market is a fun event featuring many interesting vendors and great food.

We'll have our usual Old-Timey Plant Sale at Birdsong Nature Center on March 25. The two sales spaced two weeks apart make a good opportunity for you to see the plants at their best. Some plants which are just coming out of dormancy in early March will be in bloom by the 25<sup>th</sup>. We hope you can come to both sales, but be assured that we will have lots of plants whenever you can come. We hope to see you in March!

-June White  
Plant Sale Chair



### **HOUSE AND GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPDATE**

We are making good progress on the garden restoration portion of the House and Garden Improvements Project. The Native Nurseries crew has continued the huge job of removing invasive plants and unwanted trees from the garden around the house. They have done beautiful work and we can now more easily control the return of any invasives. Please have a look at our progress on your next trip out. The next step for the house will be replacing the roof and porch roof, date to be determined. Thank you for your support for this project!

## RECENT EVENTS

### Springtime, 2023

January and February have been busy. We are back to offering programs, trainings, and workdays. It has been great fun, and we have a lot of people to thank. Here are a few high points:

**Winter Tree and Shrub ID.** We want to thank our leaders, Dan Miller and Wilson Baker, for a wonderful morning in the woods. We took a group of very interested people out to visit three areas on Birdsong for hands-on in-depth botanical exploration. Dan and Wilson are very knowledgeable botanists and conservationists – they are an inspiration and shared so much information and appreciation for our native trees and plants. We'd love to offer a similar program in the future. Thank you, Dan, Wilson, and all our enthusiastic attendees.

**Leadership Training, Part Three** Our new leadership group (for convenience we'll call them the WILD Ones, we're still working on our new name) recently had their third training session and decided that they want to hold ongoing training sessions to keep learning! They received historical background on Birdsong and its land use and current ecology, walked the Squirrel Woods Trail to learn more about leading a group to observe nature, and discussed the use and value of favorite field guides.

**School Field Trips** The WILD Ones planned and led their second school field trip last week for a wonderful school from Valdosta, Lighthouse Christian School. Our team did a beautiful job, giving the group an extensive guided nature walk out on the property, a Bird Window experience, and a hands-on natural artifacts learning opportunity. This team is outstanding, and we are so happy to witness its ongoing development. Thank you: Sandra Sallee, Laurie Jones, Carolyn Cohen, Sharman Franklin, Gavin Franklin, Serena Ernst, Alan Parker, Ken Kuhl, Mike Weed, Lynn Brown, Lia Andress, Jeanette Sickel, Faith Hazelip, and Kate Taluga.

**Take a Child Outside!** Leaders Sandra Sallee and Carolyn Cohen have brought back their enjoyable children's program that offers support to adults for getting their children out to explore nature. We typically offer this program bimonthly. Thank you, Sandra and Carolyn!

**Land Management Overview** This tour of the property gave attendees an understanding of Birdsong's land use history and current land management activities and challenges. It resulted in attracting several new volunteers – welcome Susan Perry, Matthew Andress, and Gary Mize. Thank you, Alan Parker, for driving and support, and thank you to our burn crew volunteers for their participation and leadership: Ken Kuhl, Carolyn Cohen, Sandra Sallee, and Russ Barrett.

**Birthday Party** This was a private birthday party organized and implemented by Aline Rundle for her dear friend Mary Carpenter on her 78<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was attended by 22 church friends and it was playful, uplifting, and good for the soul. We did the hokey-pokey! Aline and her group donated a beautiful singing bowl to Birdsong for us to use with children's groups. Thank you, Aline, and happy birthday, Mary!

**Upcoming Events:** We are so pleased to be able to offer programs and events again for our members and friends. As you can see on the calendar, March will be busy with our Plant Sales, but we are offering two new events in April that we hope will interest you, a birding program and an outdoor concert, please see page 4 for details. Hope to see you there!



**ATLANTA CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE**  
**The Language of Birds**  
**Saturday, April 22, 2023, Earth Day, at 2:00pm**

The Atlanta Contemporary Ensemble is offering a recital series in rural communities around south Georgia in the spring of 2023 entitled *The Language of Birds* - and Birdsong has been chosen as a site! A science lecture will be presented, followed by chamber music. The lecture, a 20-minute presentation on the neuroscience of birdsong; and the music, 30 minutes of violin and piano music, is meant to be accessible to the average audience while drawing in nature lovers. Our lecturer, Dr. Amanda Jacob, has worked with the Emory bird lab for several years, researching the incredible and still mysterious ways that birds learn to sing. The performers are Tracy K. Woodard, violinist, and Emily Bragg, pianist.

Music Program:

*Spring*, violin concerto, by A. Vivaldi  
*Lark Ascending*, by Ralph Vaughan Williams  
*Whippoorwill*, by Matthew Kennedy  
*Song of the Phoenix*, by Lauren Bernofsky

We were so pleased to be approached by these outstanding musicians, Tracy and Emily, when they were seeking a local site for one of *The Language of Birds* recitals. The concert will be held outside, and we think Birdsong is a perfect fit for their imaginative bird-centered program. That it is taking place on Earth Day makes it even more special! You really must go to ATC's colorful website, [www.atlce.org/birds](http://www.atlce.org/birds), for information about *The Language of Birds* and its talented personnel. Be sure to click on the sample performance by Tracy and Emily.

For all their 2023 spring recitals, the performers have requested that there be no charge for tickets, but they ask the audience to make donations to the host site, in our case, Birdsong Nature Center.

Please RSVP by end-of-day on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at [birdsong@birdsongnaturecenter.org](mailto:birdsong@birdsongnaturecenter.org) to reserve a seat. Dress for the weather; we'll be outside. Thank you, Tracy, Emily, and Dr. Jacob. We are really looking forward to this – what a great way to celebrate Earth Day!



**SPRING MIGRATION BIRD WALK**  
**With Janell Cleveland**  
**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 8am to 11:30am**

Please join us for a bird walk on April 8th at 8 AM. Spring migration will be in full swing, so we'll have the chance to see many birds that you can only see during migration, like the beautiful Magnolia Warbler. We can also watch the Purple Martins and Eastern Bluebirds as they begin to build their nests. Hopefully we'll catch a glimpse of the adorable nuthatches that call Birdsong home, and if we are lucky, we'll catch a glimpse of a Swallow-Tailed Kite. Please bring binoculars if you have them and be prepared to walk through the fields and woods around Birdsong. Be sure to wear muted or dark-colored clothes and bring bug spray.

Please save your space and RSVP by emailing [birdsong@birdsongnaturecenter.org](mailto:birdsong@birdsongnaturecenter.org) or calling 229-377-4408 by noon on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. The maximum number of participants for this walk is capped at 15. The walk will be led by Janell Cleveland, an avid birder and founder of the Red Hills Birding Club. If you'd like to learn more about the Red Hills Birding Club, you can reach Janell at 229-726-9056.

\$8 members, \$10 non-members. **Reservations required.**

**LAND MANAGEMENT WORKDAYS**  
**Thursdays, March 16<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**9am to noon**

We have lots of land management projects to work on this spring 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; clearing the trails and fire lanes of any fallen trees and overhanging limbs; and more!

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. To contact us call 229-377-4408 or email [kathleen@birdsongnaturecenter.org](mailto:kathleen@birdsongnaturecenter.org).

**Thank you!**

Thank you very much to the folks who have joined us for the January and February Land Management Workdays: Susan Perry, Carolyn Cohen, Sandra Sallee, Bill Carroll, Ken Kuhl, Emily Bragg, Matthew Andress, Russ Barrett, Karen Berkley, Scott Ball, and our leader Alan Parker. These volunteers spent two mornings improving our beloved planted longleaf pine stand by clearing out shortleaf pine trees and hardwood trees and shrubs along corners and edges of the stand. It was a massive amount of work and now these areas look beautiful, our longleaf have room to breathe and grow, and we have a nice open edge to work from that will carry a fire. Very nice! Please feel welcome to join us – I can promise you will enjoy working with our group and have the satisfaction of a job well done and much appreciated.

**BUTTERFLY GARDEN WORKDAYS**  
**Thursdays, March 2 and April 6**  
**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. Your involvement would be very welcome! 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: March 4 and April 1**

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.

**Admission: free**

**TAKE A CHILD OUTSIDE**  
**In the Springtime!**  
**Saturday, April 29**  
**9:30 – Noon**

Celebrate our recent Earth Day (April 22) and the wonders of springtime with your favorite child or children. Leaders Sandra Sallee and Carolyn Cohen will take you on a natural adventure in the woods at Birdsong. To honor this special time of year, give an ongoing gift to your child: an appreciation of the Earth, our home; a better understanding of where they live; and the use of all their senses at this lively time of year. Walk the trails and search for evidence of animal homes, signs of their presence, and springtime behavior. The birds will be singing and feeding babies! Enjoy the fresh air, some exercise, and explore nature with your child in the great outdoors. After the walk Sandra and Carolyn will help your child make several natural crafts they can keep and enjoy.

**RESERVATIONS, PLEASE.** Call or email by Friday, April 28th to reserve your space.

\$5 Friends, \$7 nonmembers, children half-price. Includes a handout and resource list for year-round activities with children.

## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT NOTES

### February 10, 2023

**Weather** After so much dry weather last fall and early winter we are relieved to have rain again. In January we received 7.49 inches, with two storm events bringing over 2 inches of rain each. In February so far, we've had .63 inches. The ponds and swamp have filled up and now the spillways are flowing again. We hope this bodes well for a bountiful springtime wildflower bloom and abundant leafing out of hardwood trees and shrubs.

**Wintertime** We are enjoying the fact that we have seasons. The half-way mark between the Winter Solstice and Spring Equinox, Imbolc, happened on February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, and indicates the beginning of the end of winter, and the early if invisible start of spring. We are feeling that ambiguity every day, some days are warm, some are cold, a few flowers are blooming out of season, the earliest are right on time. The woods of Birdsong look like winter: beautiful shades of brown and gray still dominate, dry leaves and understory grasses in faded gold extend into the distance. The woodland canopy is still open to the sky, the silhouetted branches of neighboring trees intertwined. Out in the open fields of the Gin House and House Pasture are expanses of blond grasses and swaths of russet broom-sedge covering the terraces. Up until now it has been a quiet time of year, but at dawn the birds are letting us know that spring is stirring. The singing has begun.

Plants that awaken early are flowering and showing themselves, and their colors come as a nice surprise. Leading the way is yellow jasmine with its evergreen vine and yellow flowers brightening the woods; then the southern red maples, with their tiny flowers emerging in a red and salmon mist; and redbuds with their small purple flowers outlining long branches. Just two days ago we noticed the red mulberry trees pushing out some pale green leaf buds and their almost invisible white flowers. These trees in their subtle start hold such promise for the height of spring and the arrival of the birds who appreciate their fruit so much on the journey north.

We are on a cusp – spring is coming. We have gotten accustomed to the low-key winter palette, but with the recent series of many warm days in a row, we can almost feel the upcoming burst of green. It is imminent.

**Land Management** Neighbors are burning their woods and that whiff of wood smoke on the breeze is so evocative! It makes us want to “run out and light that match!” as Betty used to say. Alan has been preparing our fire lanes and getting the equipment ready to go. Our dear old 1964 3010 John Deere diesel is a critical part of our team; we rely on it for harrowing and

mowing fire lanes and for carrying our water tank, a crucial piece of burning equipment. The tractor needed attention and was in the shop for repairs for 4 weeks. We got it back, but there were still some problems and now we are waiting for a fan belt to arrive. When we get everything sorted, we'll start our burn season.

The best thing to report is that we have an eager and willing burn crew just waiting for the word and we'll be off and running. Most of our volunteers have worked with us for years, but we are also pleased to welcome some new folks to the team. Our current crew includes people with professional burn experience and those with hands-on practical skills. We count ourselves very fortunate for their commitment and contribution.

We're also very happy to have all this rain – it helps to have full and flowing creeks and drains to function as effective fire lanes, and recently-harrowed damp earth on a fire lane is a good fire barrier. We expect to get a lot of burning done this season and continue catching up on places that didn't get burned last season. We'll get started soon, but we expect to get most of the burning done in late spring early summer, through the end of May. When driving around Birdsong making our plans for burning, we are pleased to see what a good job our burning did last year. We accomplished a lot by burning some places quite hot last time, and it is clear to see that these burns were effective. So we go into this season pleased with last year's work and ready to get caught up across the entire property. We are so fortunate to have a great crew!

**The Bird Window** We are concerned about our birds. The typical drop-off in numbers of birds and species we see at the Window late in the year has continued into this winter. Usually by mid-January we see lots of Yellow-rumped Warblers, Chipping Sparrows, American Goldfinch, House Finches, and Pine Siskins. Over the past three years or so we are witnessing a disturbing trend – fewer and fewer of these birds are showing up. Since early January, we have seen Yellow Rumps and a few Goldfinches, but no observations of Siskins or House Finches. Visitors, volunteers, and staff keep a record of birds seen at the Window and there have been some very nice sightings, but not in the numbers we remember so well from several years ago. This is very worrying. We may be seeing a difference this year because of our garden restoration work – we have done some extensive clearing of invasive plants and unwanted trees and shrubs around the house over the last four months, so this may certainly impact the birds who usually visit the Window. We hope this may be the reason. We will be planting many beneficial natives and shrubs that offer food and cover for birds throughout the garden over the next year, so perhaps we'll have a better report on our winter resident bird species next season. It has also been a very cold winter

north of here, which this may be suppressing migration through our area. We may very likely see more birds arriving over the next month or two, so we remain hopeful that we'll get to see our beloved songbirds at the Window again, in good numbers. We'll keep you posted. You are welcome to come out and help us keep our lists each day.

Some reliable visitors to the Window this winter include American Robins, Gray Catbirds, Pine Warblers, and a Hermit Thrush. The Grady County EMC made its dreaded visit to the Meridian Road neighborhood in the last month, to clear the electrical easement. Behind the office the saws took down a yaupon branch fully laden with ripe red berries, so we were reminded of one of Betty Komarek's winter gifts to the birds and we've been placing sprigs of yaupon at the Bird Window near the pool. This really pleases the robins and catbirds and the Hermit Thrush - they love those yaupon berries! Once these three birds realize the yaupon has been delivered, those berries disappear fast. What eager eaters!

Our year-round regulars come in every day: Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Chickadee, Carolina Wren, Blue Jays, and Cardinals. Other species we have recorded since early January include Red-bellied Woodpecker, Brown Thrasher, White-throated Sparrow, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Eastern Phoebe, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Cedar Waxwing, White-breasted Nuthatch, Downy Woodpecker, Black-and-white Warbler, and American Crow. We hope to have a good list for you of migrating birds who have found the Window on their journey north in the next newsletter. Fingers crossed.

**Purple Martins** Birdsong has had the same martin pole for decades. Betty and Ed put up this pole back in the 1940's with 10 gourds and typically all were used for nesting over the years. It was located in the back yard in those days, much closer to the house, and then was gradually moved to its current location at the edge of the House Pasture, right where we can see all the action. This has been a wonderful martin pole and we love its simple lines but getting the gourds up and down from the sidebars and trying to return a fallen baby back to a nest can be difficult because the fixed crossbars are very high up. As you know, we watch our Martins carefully, especially close to fledging time. The height of the gourds and crossbars is ideal for the Martins, for nesting and perching and feeding and fledging babies. The difficulty has been for us humans when preparing for the season or trying to help out in an emergency. We have to drag out a ladder or climb on top of the truck or find some other way to reach the high crossbars.

Birdsong has been given a new martin pole. It was donated by Dr. Fred Vroom and Apalachee Audubon

Society, brought to us by the Native Nurseries crew, and installed by Jody Walthall and Donna Legare just three days ago. The timing is perfect, because we are waiting on the Martins to arrive, and last year they came in mid-February, so now we are ready! This pole has a winch and the crossbar frame can be raised and lowered from the ground. This will make it much easier for us to get the gourds up and down, and to return any youngsters who have fallen out. We will be very interested in seeing how the Martins respond.

Our plan is to keep the old pole and set it up nearby for a perching site. The tall pecan tree that the martins have relied on for decades for a perching and viewing vantage point has lost its main trunk and we're not sure how long the rest of the tree will remain standing. The old pole will continue to support our martin colony, even without gourds. We now are awaiting the arrival of these South American travelers, and hope that they will like their new accommodations. Thank you, Dr. Vroom, Apalachee Audubon, Native Nurseries, and Donna and Jody.

This late winter, early spring midpoint is an interesting time at Birdsong. The woods and fields retain their calm demeanor, but there is a sense that underneath all the serenity things are stirring, something big is getting ready to happen. We are watching and waiting. The birds are on the leading edge of the shift, courting and calling us to awareness, and we know that within a matter of days the heavenly green haze will emerge throughout the woods. It is a wonderful thing to anticipate. Please do come out and enjoy this in-between stage - the shift to spring will happen fast and we don't want you to miss a thing.

- KDB



## NEW FRIENDS OF BIRDSONG

### *Thomasville*

Karen Alberto

### *Tallahassee*

Michael and Susan Weed

Dylan Ryals-Hamilton

Jim Treanor

Joan Wilson

### *Other*

Kristen Smith            Sneads, FL

Megan Phillips        Bainbridge, GA

Ginny Jones            Gainesville, FL

Stennes Austinson    Albany, GA

## BIRDSONG NATURE CENTER WISHES TO THANK:

### *In Memory of Betty "B" Fraleigh O'Toole:*

Alex and Jane Hinson

### *In Memory of Ernest Koone:*

Vanessa Crisler

Trillium Gardens Nursery

### *In Memory of Caroline McDaniel Raines:*

Jane White

### *In Memory of James Michael Miller:*

John Burroughs

### *In Honor of Mary Carpenter but also in Honor of Mother Nature and all centers like yours that promote nature's wonders:*

Aline and James Rundle

Dr. and Mrs. Eric Lehman

### *Thanks to June White for her dedication to Birdsong!*

Sis and Jack Olson

### *In Memory of Sassafras:*

Kathleen Brady

### *Special Financial Gifts:*

Wolfgang and Winifred Adolph

Ramona Bowman

Carol Jones

Nancy Kranich

Barbara Jinright Collins

Sheff Wright

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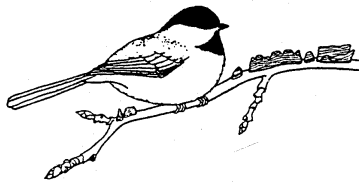
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How did you learn about Birdsong? From a member of Birdsong, the news media, word of mouth, our newsletter, etc?  
Please be specific: \_\_\_\_\_

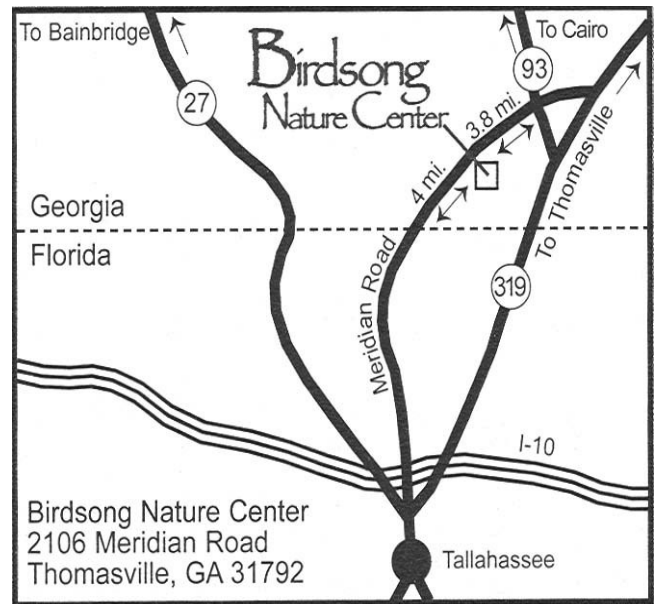
### I would like to join the Friends of Birdsong in the following category:

- 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Window Instructor   | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations                            | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial/legal guidance | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on Board of Directors                 | _____                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund raising             | <input type="checkbox"/> (please submit resume)                      | _____                          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Shop Assistant      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                 |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Management          |  |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Development      |  |                                |

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.



**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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