

# Birdsong Nature Center

January-February 2024

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

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

*Sundays 1 to 5*

## December

Holiday Closure Dec. 21—Jan. 2

## January

Wed	Jan. 3	Center Reopens
Thurs	Jan. 4	Butterfly Garden Workday
Sat	Jan. 6	Free Family Day
Thurs	Jan. 11	Land Management Workday
Sat	Jan. 13	Winter Birding Walk
Sat	Jan. 20	Land Management Overview for Volunteers
Thurs	Jan. 25	Land Management Workday

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## February

Thurs	Feb. 1	Butterfly Garden Workday
Sat	Feb. 3	Free Family Day
Sat	Feb. 3	Tall Timbers Fire Festival
Thurs	Feb. 8	Land Management Workday
Sat	Feb. 17	Take a Child Outside in the Wintertime
Sat	Feb. 17	Winter Birding Walk
Thurs	Feb. 22	Land Management Workday
Sat	Feb. 24	How to Successfully Plant and Propagate Wild Azaleas

*Please, no pets on Nature Center property.*

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

Dear Friends,

We greatly appreciated everyone's attendance and support for our fall plant sale at Birdsong this past November. We hope you will thoroughly enjoy the beautiful new additions to your home gardens purchased at the sales. We want to say a very special thank you to June White, Plant Sale Chair, and the amazing Plant Sale volunteers for their outstanding work in creating and carrying out the two events this year - spring and fall. The Plant Sales would truly not be possible but for their creative and dedicated efforts.

Autumn has again brought with it a series of dazzling natural displays at Birdsong - prolific flowering of bright pink *Agalinis* (false foxglove) covering the fields followed by the bright yellow narrow-leaved sunflowers and goldenrod. Presently, the iridescent reds, golds, and copper shades of the hardwoods cover much of the property. We hope you have had a chance to visit recently and enjoy these unforgettable scenes or will visit one day soon. There is still much to see and hear with the arrival of many migratory and over-wintering avian visitors.

All of us at the Nature Center want to wish you a very happy and healthy, peaceful and prosperous 2024. We can't thank you enough for your outstanding support over the past year and we hope you will visit often in the year ahead.

Sincerely, and with my warmest regards,  
Joe Peresich, President  
Birdsong Board of Directors

**SPRING PLANT SALES**  
**Saturday, March 9, from 9am to 3pm at the Metcalfe Spring Market**  
**Saturday, March 23, 9am to 1pm at Birdsong**

Birdsong Nature Center will have two spring plant sales, March 9 at the fun Metcalfe Spring Market and March 23 at Birdsong.

Birdsong's greenhouse is full of tender plants that are growing fast. These are rooted cuttings that plant donors took in late summer. We have dozens of Betty's Pentas, several different Salvias, and a lovely non-invasive Clerodendrum whose blue and white flowers look like butterflies (*Clerodendrum ugandense*.) Last spring we received tiny starts of some very interesting begonias that are now big, full plants. (Thank you, Ruth!) The greenhouse is a delightful place to spend a winter afternoon tending plants— damp, warm, and fragrant with its pine straw floor and a dozen young patchouli plants smelling like 1968.

We will also have our usual fine array of native perennials, shrubs, and trees. We have hundreds of wild azaleas which already have fat flower buds. Many of these will be in bloom by the March 23 sale date. You can learn about the fascinating history of these plants from our wild azalea expert Dan Miller, who will give a presentation at Birdsong on February 24<sup>th</sup> (see below for details).

- June White  
Plant Sale Chair



**HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY PLANT AND PROPAGATE WILD AZALEAS**  
**Saturday, February 24**  
**10AM – Noon**

Dan Miller, expert grower of wild azaleas and other native plants, will teach us how to select, plant and grow wild azaleas. Dan will show slides of wild azalea propagation and talk about cultural requirements for specific plants and their propagation practices and then lead a question-and-answer session. Please bring any questions and be prepared to describe any problems or issues you may be having with growing native azaleas.

We will then visit the Birdsong gardens and Butterfly Garden with Dan to view planted wild azaleas and discuss the optimal placement of plants for best growing success in your garden. The group is then welcome to shop Birdsong's current extensive collection of wild azalea varieties. Dan and other knowledgeable volunteers will be present to help you make your selections.

Discussion points:

- Wild azalea species appropriate for our region; colors, bloom season, size.
- Placement of plants: light, spacing, soil and moisture requirements.
- Planting: soil preparation, mulching and watering needs.
- Fertilizing.
- Pruning and maintenance.
- Pests and disease signs and corrective action.
- Key individuals involved in the selection of natural hybrids leading to the current multitude of available varieties, colors, and cultivars of wild azaleas.

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.** *Cost: \$20; class limit 20 participants.* The class will provide you with the benefit of receiving specific advice about growing wild azaleas in your own garden from a true expert. You will receive a handout on wild azalea propagation authored by Dan. You will also have the opportunity to shop Birdsong's wild azalea collection prior to our upcoming spring sales. Refreshments will be served. This class will be held outdoors, so please dress for the weather – it may be cold, so bundle up! Please call or email to reserve your space by noon on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. (229)377-4408 or [birdsong@birdsongnaturecenter.org](mailto:birdsong@birdsongnaturecenter.org).

Dan Miller is the former owner of Trillium Gardens Nursery and has served as a volunteer co-leader of Birdsong's Plant Sales for 16 years. He procures all the wild azaleas we offer at our sales. Dan is a committed conservationist with a lifelong interest in native plants and actively promotes expanding their use in home gardening. He was a co-leader in establishing Wolf Creek Trout Lily Preserve; see [wolfcreektroutlilypreserve.org](http://wolfcreektroutlilypreserve.org).

**THANK YOU, FALL PLANT SALE VOLUNTEERS!**

We want to thank all our dedicated and talented workers who made our fall plant sale so rewarding and so much fun. We look forward to seeing you again in the spring!

Carole Hayes  
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 Sharman Franklin  
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 Gail Sloane  
 Melissa Rigsby  
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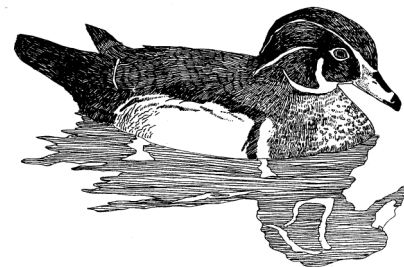
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**TAKE A CHILD OUTSIDE  
 IN THE WINTERTIME!  
 Saturday, February 17th  
 9:30AM - Noon**

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. Includes a handout and resource list for year-round outdoor activities with children



**FREE FAMILY DAYS  
 First Saturdays: January 6 and February 3**

On first Saturdays of the month admission is free and we 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, hike the trails, and visit the Bird Window and Butterfly Garden.

**Admission: free**

**WINTER BIRDING WALK AT BIRDSONG**  
**With Janell Cleveland and Adam George**  
**Saturday, January 13 and February 17**  
**8:00 to 11:00 am**

Winter is a wonderful time to enjoy birds at Birdsong. We'll be on the lookout for Cedar Waxwings as they move through the forest in small flocks in search of berries. We'll also keep our eyes open for winter warblers, like the Black-and-White, Yellow-rumped, and Orange-crowned. We'll listen for the familiar songs of Carolina Chickadees and Tufted Titmice as we search for the more elusive Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets. We'll check the pond for waders as well as ducks, hoping for a look at a Belted Kingfisher as well. We'll end our walk with a stroll through the pines, keeping our eyes and ears open for Red-headed Woodpeckers and both White-breasted and Brown-headed Nuthatches.

The walk will be led jointly by Janell Cleveland, an avid birder and founder of the Red Hills Birding Club, and Adam George, a certified Master Birder who works for Georgia Audubon on their educational technology platforms. If you'd like to learn more about the Red Hills Birding Club, you can reach Janell at 229-726-9056.

Please save your space and RSVP by emailing [birdsong@birdsongnaturecenter.org](mailto:birdsong@birdsongnaturecenter.org) or calling 1 (229) 377-4408 by noon on the Friday before the walk. The maximum number of participants for these walks is capped at 15. Please bring binoculars if you have them and be prepared for hiking through the fields and woods around Birdsong. Wear muted colors.

**BIRDSONG BUTTERFLY GARDEN**  
**Volunteer Workdays**  
**First Thursdays, January 4 and February 1**  
**9 to 11 AM**

The weather can be wildly variable in January and February in South Georgia. Hard freezes alternate with mild temperatures, buds swell on native trees and shrubs, and early spring wildflowers such as trilliums, trout lilies and violets bloom in woodlands. Because many plants in the Birdsong Butterfly Garden are dormant during this time, volunteers sometimes tackle jobs such as invasive plant removal on other parts of the property. This winter, however, the group will continue their focus on the Butterfly Garden. Their goals include burning (weather permitting) one small section where an abundance of broom sedge, a native grass, has started to crowd out other plants. They'll also work on an area planted with woodland phlox, golden ragwort and wild indigo to help enhance its colorful display of spring wildflowers.

An ever-changing variety of jobs rewards garden volunteers when they meet on the first Thursday of every month to plant, weed, chat, and enjoy this quiet corner of Birdsong. New volunteers are always welcome. No gardening experience is necessary, just a desire to work alongside friendly folks and pick up a wealth of plant and pollinator knowledge at the same time.

The next workday is Thursday, January 4, from 9 to 11am. Contact Donna Legare ([dlegare@comcast.net](mailto:dlegare@comcast.net)) if interested.

-Ann Morrow  
Butterfly Garden Volunteer

**TALL TIMBERS 4<sup>TH</sup> RED HILLS FIRE FESTIVAL**  
**February 3, 2024 from 11am to 3pm**  
**Rain date: February 10**

Tall Timbers is bringing back its Red Hills Fire Festival. If you have an interest in prescribed fire or local ecology, you will want to attend this major all-ages event! Birdsong plans to attend and will have a booth and offer activities for children. Final details and list of participants are still being worked out, but you may check for current information on the Tall Timbers website at <https://talltimbers.org/event/red-hills-fire-festival-2/>. We hope to see you there!

**2024 LAND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW  
FOR VOLUNTEERS  
Saturday, January 20  
9:30AM – 12PM**

**LAND MANAGEMENT WORKDAYS  
Thursdays: January 11 and 25  
February 8 and 22  
9am to noon**

Join us for a trail ride and conversation about Bird-song's land management plans for 2024. 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.

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 Bird-song's land management.

No charge. **RESERVATIONS, PLEASE.** Call by noon on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> to reserve your place on the trailer or for more information. Bring a sandwich if you would like to stay for lunch; drinks and dessert provided. Dress for the weather.

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).



**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.

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, and the dates for tours, and hours when the site may be open to the public. Preserve volunteers will be offering field trips to see this amazing site in full bloom in February. 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).

## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT NOTES

December 6, 2023

**Weather** We are at that late fall-early winter stage where anything can happen: we can get a few hot days in a row, and then a frost. The main feature of our weather since the last newsletter was a 5-week drought between a 12<sup>th</sup> of October rainstorm (2.61 inches) and a drought-breaker on November 17<sup>th</sup> (.96 inches). It was really dry – on our few dirt roads where we usually enjoy seeing animal tracks, the sand and clay were too dry for prints to form. The ponds and swamp got lower and lower; there was no water flowing at all in the creeks and spillways. The Frog Pond and Spring Pond pools shrank to half their normal width. On November 29<sup>th</sup> we got a nice shower with 1.74 inches and over this past weekend we had a good long 3-day soaking with 4.73 inches. This is helping our rainfall deficit, but we still have quite a way to go. It is nice to see the water levels in the ponds coming up a bit. A pair of Great Egrets have been seen hunting along the north shore of the Farm Pond recently, so they seem to be enjoying higher water levels. We are also seeing a lot of nice tracks again on the trails: raccoon, deer, coyote and armadillo.

**Land Management** It has been great to have a repaired and functioning tractor for mowing again. Alan has completed his final cycle of trail mowing for the year; now that the growing season is basically over, he won't have to mow again until spring. He has also been doing a few special projects, such as mowing and raking the bonfire area behind the Barn and mowing the big circle at the Star Pasture. This is heavy going because we let these areas grow tall except for this special event.

We are looking forward to getting some burning done early in the new year. As explained on page 7 our members have helped us meet our goal for funding the purchase of a new tractor and Alan has started shopping! We will keep our members posted on progress there. If you are interested in Birdsong's land management and would like to volunteer, please also see page 5 and join us on January 20<sup>th</sup> for a Land Management Overview. We'll be discussing our upcoming plans and volunteer opportunities for 2024.

**The Woods and Fields of Fall** It is a beautiful time of year at Birdsong. We have enjoyed the colorful exuberance of the fall wildflower bloom – the Gin House field full of pink *Agalinis*; acres of goldenrod and narrow-leaved sunflower throughout the House Pasture, Gin House, and around the Farm Pond; purple wands of *Liatris* scattered along the trails; and lemon-yellow *Pittypopsis* in profusion across the property.

We moved into the next colorful phase of the season with our hardwood trees turning all shades of rust, maroon, gold, and red. The drought seemed to delay

the full onset of color, but in the past month, with rain and some good frosts, the woods have become vibrant. On a cool, sunny, blue-sky day there is nothing like a stroll through the House Pasture to the Wild Azalea Garden and around the east woods of Birdsong. Even though many of the hardwood trees have lost some of their leaves and the pines remain green and dense, there is a glow to the woods, with a haze of amber among the trees. Bright gold hickories stand out among the brown-leaved oaks, sweet gums range from yellow to purple and an occasional black gum still holds on to a few of its ruby-red leaves. A favorite area is the Big Bay drain south of the House Pasture. Here is where the sourwood trees thrive and delight us every year with their varied color palette. This beautiful, curving tree has lance-shaped leaves that can range from yellow to gold, peach, coral, and red. Getting to witness our radiant sourwoods with their mosaic of colorful leaves is something we look forward to every year. I wonder if trees in their fall raiment, backlit by the sun against a blue sky, may have been the inspiration for early stained-glass art.

Another annual phenomenon we look forward to in the Birdsong woods is off to a good start. It is white-tailed deer mating season and the bucks are marking their territory. We don't often get to see the deer themselves, but we get to see their signature scrapes. Males will mark territory, claiming nearby females, by scraping the ground with their hooves and leaving gouges in the earth while rubbing their antlers in low-hanging branches. Some of these scrapes are already in place and will be tended all season long. You can see an exposed patch of dirt with several long deep scratches and often any branches just above will be broken and dangling. Over the next month or so, more of these patches will appear, continue to be scraped through the season. When the male really wants to make a statement he will stamp the middle of the scrape with his foot – look for that emphatic deer print in the middle when you go scrape-watching. There are typically some really good ones on the east-west trail south of the House Pasture, and all along the north-south trail east of the Wildlife Woods. Please let us know where you find any, we'll be interested in watching them over the winter.

Another nice thing to see in the woods this time of year are the plume grasses. These are tall, single-stemmed grasses with blond seedheads scattered throughout any wooded part of Birdsong. They are particularly beautiful with the sunlight behind them – the large fluffy spikes capture the light and appear to glow. Right now they are putting on a show in the Squirrel Woods and southern House Pasture.

The Gin House Field has shifted into its stately fall appearance, having been host to the wild pink party of *Agalinis* in the month of October. It is now full of subtle curving bands of palomino broomsedge, mixed with swaths of downy white goldenrod seed-

heads. There are several different kinds of broomsedge, with very different flowers. One is tall and brushy and rather pink in tone, another is short and beige, but with scattered seedheads in white, looking like clusters of tiny stars, very delicate and pretty.

Alan just mowed the Star Pasture this week. Due to weather and Covid, we have not had a Winter Solstice Celebration since 2019, and therefore have not mowed the star-gazing circle. It was full of beautiful broomsedges and wildflowers this fall. Now it is mowed and ready for visitors to come out and enjoy seeing the expanse of the entire night sky above them, with nothing between us and the rest of the Universe. We are really looking forward to next weekend's event.

***The Farm Pond*** As with all the many different habitats and special places on Birdsong, the Farm Pond changes its appearance with the seasons. Fall is a lovely time to walk the pond trail and see it from all angles. Yesterday, walking along the Farm Pond Dam, the entire north side of the pond was something to behold: bright blue sky, laced with thin white clouds, red and rust and gold hardwoods north of the drain, and the green fringe of pine trees curving around the pond to the west. This expansive view was made that much more beautiful by being perfectly reflected in the mirror-still pond. It was a little bit breathtaking. Continuing around the bend and onto the Upper Pond dam, several pairs of Wood Ducks were roosting in the reedy drain and flushed when I walked by, shrieking as they rose, wings beating. You never know what you will see at the Farm Pond.

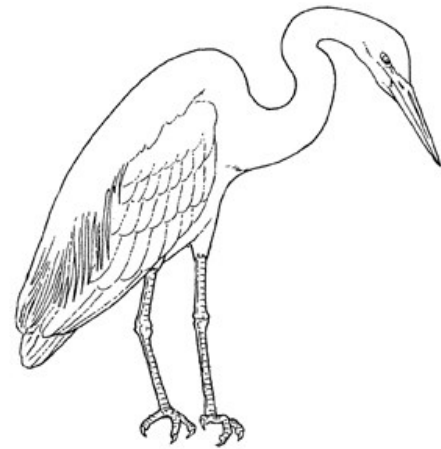
***The Bird Window*** Every year we witness a drop-off in numbers and species of birds visiting the Window, starting in November. This corresponds to our birds' nesting and migratory cycles as well as the availability of natural food. By October our year-round residents have successfully raised their final broods, so the young are out and on their own, no longer needing to be fed; there are ripe berries everywhere and a continued abundance of insects. In these circumstances, the birds don't need us the way they do most of the rest of the year so we see fewer bird visitors at the Window in the fall. The migrants move through at this time, however, so there can be some wonderful viewing opportunities at the Window and in the woods in October. As we get further into November and early December, we see fewer migrants and the beginning of the arrival of winter residents. Here is a listing of birds seen from the middle of October, when the migrants were coming through, until recently, when so far we are mostly seeing resident birds coming in to eat, drink, and bathe:

Yellow-rumped Warbler, Yellow-throated Vireo, Veery, Hooded Warbler, Red-eyed Vireo, Wood Thrush, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Summer Tanager, Carolina Wren, House Finch, Gray Cat-

bird, Northern Flicker, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Tennessee Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Eastern Phoebe, Ground Dove, Mourning Dove, White-breasted Nuthatch, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, American Crow, Hermit Thrush, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Pine Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Brown Thrasher, Cardinal, Carolina Chickadee, Mockingbird, Tufted Titmouse, Blue Jay, Eastern Towhee, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, and just this week, our first American Robin! We had plenty of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds still visiting into October, and the last one recorded was seen on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Now we are looking forward to the arrival of more winter residents and the beginnings of a new year at the Bird Window.

As we approach the Winter Solstice, the moment we pivot towards spring, we look back on a rich and vibrant year at Birdsong. Thank you for the connection we have with you, our members – you have played a big role in securing a long and promising future for Birdsong. Please do come out this winter to walk the trails and enjoy this special place that you have helped preserve.

- KDB



## TRACTOR UPDATE

Thanks to one more gift from our many members and donors, we have met our goal of raising \$60,000 for a new tractor and two attachments, a grapple and a front loader. For all of you who donated, please accept our heartfelt thanks – you have solved a big problem for us and now we can get on with our prescribed burning with reliable equipment. Alan has been doing his research and has been visiting dealerships and investigating all our options, so now he can narrow down the choices and go shopping. We will keep you posted on developments – thank you!

**NEW FRIENDS OF BIRDSONG**

***Thomasville***

Eric Holley  
Claire Skowronski  
Alston Anderson & Charlton Griffin

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***Other***

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***In loving memory of Dawn Davis Hancock.  
She raised some wonderful children:***  
Jason Jarrell

***In Memory of John Robert (Bob) Bearss:***  
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Deborah Cox  
Donna Legare & Jody Walthall  
Ann & Don Morrow

***In Memory of my uncle, Bob Bearss:***  
Elaine Warner

***In Memory of Mr. Bob Bearss, my neighbor:***  
Stephen Andrews

***In Memory of my husband's long-time  
friend, Bob (John Robert Bearss):***  
Katherine Wallace & Raymond H. Wallace, Jr.

***In Remembrance of Bob Bearss.  
Love from your Grandchildren.***

***In Honor of Rosalynn Carter:***  
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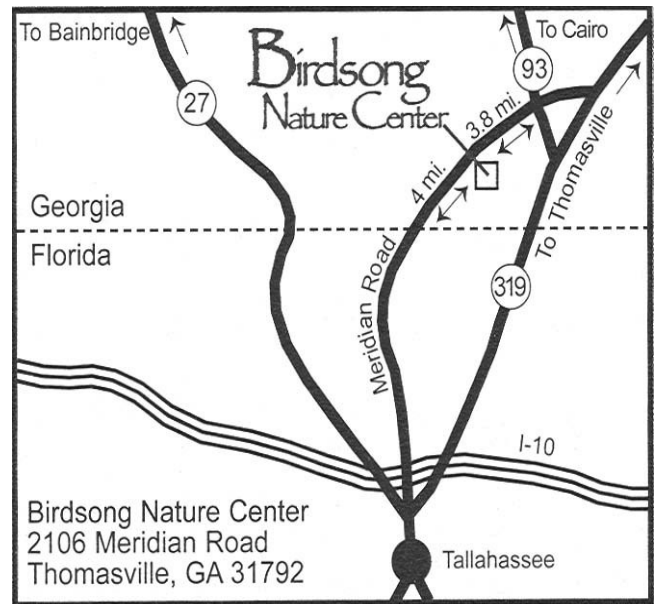
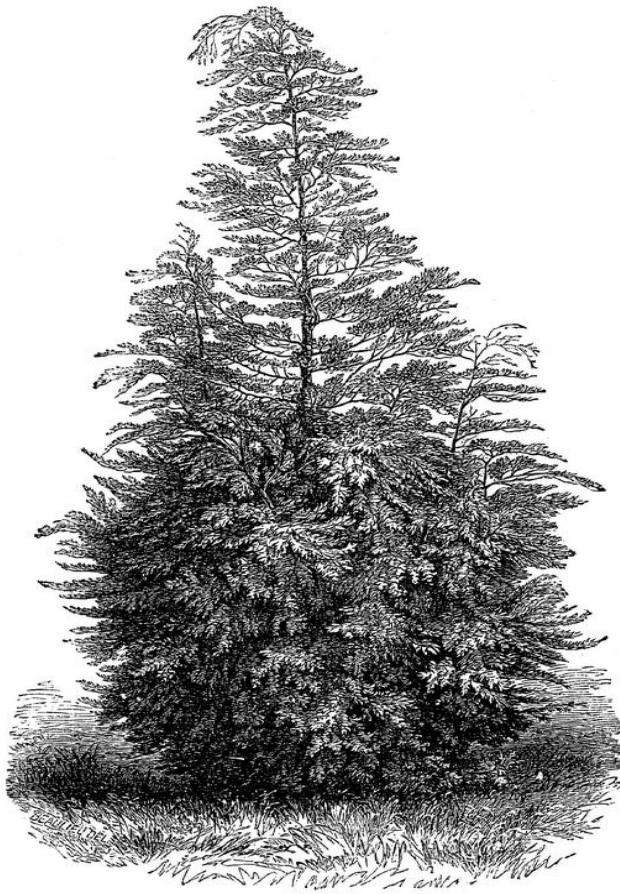
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**DIRECTIONS:**

From Tallahassee: Meridian Road north, 4 miles past FL/ GA border 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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