

Birdsong Nature Center

September-October, 2025

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

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

September

Wed.	Sept	3	Birdsong Reopening
Thur.	Sept	4	Butterfly Garden Workday
Sat.	Sept	6	Free Family Day
Wed.	Sept	24	Land Management Workday
Sat.	Sept	27	Take a Child Outside at Birdsong

October

Thur.	Oct	2	Butterfly Garden Workday
Sat.	Oct	4	Free Family Day
Sat.	Oct	4	Fall Wildflower Tour
Wed.	Oct	8	Land Management Workday
Sat.	Oct	18	HOTC Volunteer Day
Sat.	Oct	18	Fall Tree Walk
Wed.	Oct	22	Land Management Workday

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Please, no pets on Nature Center property.

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

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

August 8, 2025

With a special note to our Appeal Donors

Work continues on the three appeal-funded building improvements projects. We are very pleased to announce that we have a new roof on the cabin, a.k.a. Roy's House, and it is beautiful. It will take a little getting used to, because the old metal roof was so rusted and had turned a warm brown color and blended into the environs— this new roof is bright and shiny and silver and stands out! It was installed by Platinum Roofing, and their workers did a very nice job. Don Quick's flooring crew has almost got the subfloor leveled and prepared, and the beautiful lumber donated by Ellery Sedgwick of Red Hills Lumber Company in Thomasville has been delivered. The next step for the workers will be to install the new flooring, and then it will get sanded and finished. Our volunteer construction team has nearly finished work in the kitchen, including painting the exterior and interior of all the cabinetry and reinstalling all the doors. Sincere thanks go to Glenn Berman, Buddy Holshouser, Phil Williams, Jon Yarbrough, and Mike Brezin.

With the other two projects, we have made some progress with searching for the metal roofing we want for the Barn, it appears to be available, and we will be meeting with new contractors next week to get another estimate on that project. We will also be meeting with McNeill Plumbing right after the break to get a new estimate and input on renovations for the outdoor bathroom. Our construction crew has analyzed the project and is figuring out how to seal the cabinet and replace the countertop and sink.

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Special note to Appeal Donors: We are currently unsure of the completion dates for the three projects. Contractors apparently have some difficulty fitting us into their schedules because of our out-of-town location, so the work starts and stops. Not knowing for certain when the projects will be finished, we are hesitant to set a date for a party this fall to celebrate these achievements – we would love to have an event where we can show all three of them to you in their finished state. We will keep you posted on progress, but we may need to plan a celebration for after the first of the year. Meanwhile, the work continues, and we are certain you are going to love the results. Thank you again to all who donated so generously to the Buildings Improvement Appeal – your funding is creating some wonderful improvements at Birdsong!

**FALL PLANT SALE
Saturday, October 25
9am to 1pm**

As I write this in mid-August I am looking out at my garden suffering through the accumulated stresses of summer. Sycamore leaves are a sickly yellow from a lace bug infestation and buckeye leaves are shriveling and turning brown. A baptisia has completely disappeared and a bed of bead fern has been chewed to shreds. Even my toughest daylilies are shriveling up. These sad sights remind me that summer is hard on even old established plants.

Though we love spring, it is not the best time to put in new plantings, with months of scorching temperatures, withering droughts, and insect infestations ahead. Fall of the year is the ideal planting time in our zone for most plants. With that in mind we have scheduled our Fall Plant Sale for October 25, from 9am to 1pm. It's the perfect time to plant. We'll have trees, shrubs, and lots of native perennials. We got a donation of beautiful pink, purple, and blue salvias that will be in full bloom in October. We'll dig up some of the golden hurricane lilies that were donated a couple of years ago. They will just be emerging from their summer dormancy. We look forward to seeing you at Birdsong and celebrating the change of season with you!

- June White
Plant Sale Chair

**Birdsong's next Fall Plant Sale!
Saturday, October 25, from 9am to 1pm**

Are you on our email list? If you would like regular updates by email about the sale, along with stories and descriptions of some of our most desirable plants, please email our Office Manager, Lynn Brown, and she will get you on the Mailchimp list: birdsong@birdsongnaturecenter.org.

**Another date for your calendar!
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, November 8, 9am to 1pm**

Join us for a Holiday Open House at Birdsong to celebrate the upcoming holiday season! See details in the November-December newsletter; it will be available in late October.

KATHLEEN BRADY'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY AT BIRDSONG!

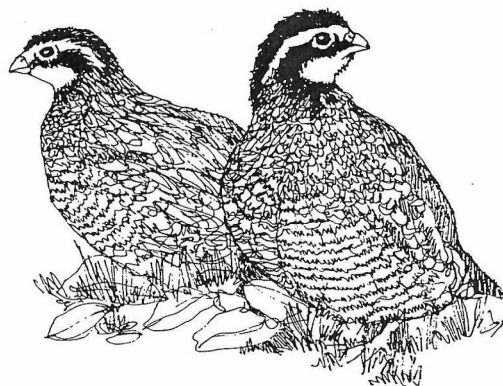
Kathleen Brady applied for the position of Executive Director of Birdsong Nature Center in 1985, the year before its formal incorporation as a non-profit organization. She responded to the Komarek family when they sought someone to guide their nature center. They had already established a reputation as a 565-acre outdoor classroom offering nature and wildlife educational programs to youth groups, teachers, leaders, and civic organizations. The Komarek family home also featured an innovative "Bird Window" that enabled exceptional bird watching from indoors. The appointment of an Executive Director would begin to establish the formal, legal structure of the organization and realize their vision.

In those early days, the "Director's Office" was the Komarek kitchen table and later the stairwell landing leading to the two former bedrooms upstairs. There were already many volunteers and family friends who helped Betty Komarek offer instructional activities and it was Kathleen's challenge to navigate the ongoing family activities while realizing the Komarek's vision for the nature center.

One enduring aspect of that close-up "training" has been Kathleen's personal engagement with visitors, volunteers, and staff. The Komareks welcomed visitors into their home and made each one feel welcomed and special. Over the past 40 years, Kathleen has followed this practice. There is always a person to greet visitors and help orient them to the property and the nature center and she has written thousands of personal notes to visitors, members, and donors. This personal touch is a hallmark of the Birdsong Nature Center experience, and it is embodied in Kathleen and her relationship with all who visit.

Kathleen steered the nature center through the establishment of a Board of Directors and development of a vision and mission. She has designed and offered countless educational programs, developed and carried out long-range land management strategies, overseen large celebrations, friend-raisers and fund-raisers, and secured Conservation Easements protecting the entire property in perpetuity. While these accomplishments may be easily stated they are, in fact, hard-won achievements resulting from 40 years of dedicated effort and service. Kathleen has woven the expectations and needs of family, BNC members, donors, and the community with dedication and deliberation. She has borne these responsibilities with grace and the knowledge that Birdsong has served its mission well and is protected from development. The land has been managed scrupulously to align with the vision and intentions of Betty and Ed Komarek, creating a haven for wildlife and a place where others can experience and learn about nature. Kathleen learned the art and science of prescribed burning from Betty, who was a master at the practice. Every bimonthly newsletter features "Wildlife Management Notes" which were originally authored by co-founder Betty Komarek and are today written by Kathleen. These gems chronicle decades of dedication to managing the various ecosystems that comprise Birdsong Nature Center and are tributes to the life that flourishes on the lands and waters of the property.

Kathleen, thank you for the many hours writing grants and raising funds to bolster the budget to support the ongoing operations of Birdsong Nature Center. Thank you for the many hours designing and supporting programs that focus on Nature as she is expressed on the Birdsong property. Thank you for persevering through the many challenges to maintaining the intimate, authentic, and true nature of Birdsong. Thank you for all the heart and soul you have poured into a life's work developing, realizing, and preserving the unique experience that *is* Birdsong Nature Center!



FALL WILDFLOWER TOUR

Saturday, October 4

10 am to noon

We are looking forward to another wonderful wildflower season this fall, however we can never predict when the peak will be. We are scheduling this trailer ride in the hopes that we will get to see the property in its fall regalia – but the peak changes every year, so we just hope to be close!

We are expecting a wonderful display of narrow-leaved sunflowers, *Pittypopsis*, and goldenrod, mixed in with purple *Liatris* and Mistflower. We are never sure exactly what will happen in the Gin House Field, but it is likely there will be a nice showing of *Agalinis*, *Liatris*, and plenty of goldenrod. Around the rest of the property we may see Ironweed, different legumes such as the many beggar's lice species, as well as other asters and Mistflower. We will stop in various locations to step off the trailer and enjoy the flowers close up. This may be a great photo opportunity for our photography enthusiasts!

As we travel around, we will also point out any other interesting fall features, including migrating birds, gopher tortoise burrows, tracks, deer scrapes, or other signs of wildlife. At various stops we may take short excursions to nearby sites of interest, so be prepared for some walking.

\$12 Friends, \$14 nonmembers, children half-price. **RESERVATIONS, PLEASE.** Please call or email by noon on Friday October 3rd to reserve a space. There is room for 12 people on the trailer. Dress for the weather, bring binoculars, field guides, and bug spray. Bring a picnic lunch if you'd like to stay after the ride.

FALL TREE WALK

With Charlie and Cindy Baisden

Saturday, October 18

8:30 – 10:30AM

Join us for an early fall morning tree walk at Birdsong Nature Center with volunteer leaders Charlie and Cindy Baisden. We will visit a variety of forest habitats, such as the Holly Woods, oldfield/pond edge by the Farm Pond, and mixed pine and hardwood forest along the north side of Big Bay Swamp. We will learn about some of the interesting trees you will find in each of these distinct forests. Forest habitats are unique plant communities that are defined by the dominant trees found within that plant community. We will also learn some of the characteristics in identifying these trees. *The program should run about 2 hours and we will probably walk about 1.5 to 2.0 miles.* If you are interested in learning about the trees in your environment that are common to South Georgia and North Florida, please join us on October 18th.

Dress for the weather, bring sun protection, and prepare for a walk through the woods and fields of Birdsong. You may want to bring water, field guides, and insect repellent with you.

\$8 Friends, \$10 nonmembers, children half-price. **RESERVATIONS, PLEASE.** Call by noon on Friday, October 17th to reserve your space.

FREE FAMILY DAYS

First Saturdays: September 6 and October 4

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 getting to know the property, hike the trails, and visit the Bird Window, Gift Shop, and Butterfly Garden.

Admission: free

TAKE A CHILD OUTSIDE AT BIRDSONG
Saturday, September 27
9:30 – 11:30am

If you are a parent, grandparent, or friend of a child please join us to celebrate *Take A Child Outside Week* and take your favorite child on a natural adventure at Birdsong. Join education volunteers Sandra Saltee and Carolyn Cohen to explore the trails and look for evidence of deer, coyote, or other wildlife; see butterflies face-to-face; search for doodlebugs; and watch birds go about their daily activities at the Bird Window. We will practice using all our senses as we explore what nature has to offer. This program is geared for children and accompanying adults who want to learn how to better share the wonders of nature with their favorite young ones. Children may collect natural items along the trail for keepsakes and/or to use to make a craft when we return to the Barn. Resource material on outdoor activities for children will be provided.

\$5 Friends, \$7 nonmembers, children half-price. **RESERVATIONS PLEASE:** we ask that you register by phone or email by noon on Friday, September 26th, so we know how many adults and children to prepare for.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN WORKDAYS
Thursdays, September 4 and October 2
9:00 to 11:00AM

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! We may also do some invasives removal at the main garden around the house. 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.



LAND MANAGEMENT WORKDAYS
Wednesdays: September 24, October 8 and 22
9am to noon

We have plenty of land management projects to work on this fall and could really use your help. Many of these projects are in support of our burn program, and many are basic improvement projects such as removal of invasive plants and clearing trails. 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 removing unwanted pine saplings from our fields; removing unwanted shortleaf pines, sweet gums and other hardwoods from the longleaf pine site; raking and clearing around trees and snags in advance of burning; and clearing the trails and fire lanes of any fallen trees and overhanging limbs.

It can still get really hot this time of year, so 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. Thank you!

NOW HIRING: A GREETER

We are interested in hiring a greeter to help us welcome and orient visitors on days we are open to the public: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 9 to 5, and Sunday 1 to 5. Currently duties on specific days are shared with other greeters, so shifts may vary and one person is not needed to fill all these days, but we would like to find people who are available to help, particularly on our busiest days, Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Please call Kathleen for more information on scheduling.

The position pays \$12 per hour. An ideal candidate would enjoy meeting and working with people; is available during Birdsong hours; likes an outdoor work setting; is comfortable making simple financial transactions; has experience with or could learn to use Square for processing credit card payments (it is easy); is physically able to feed the birds, tidy the restrooms, water plants, and manage other light duties. Training will be provided for all aspects of the position.

Please contact Kathleen Brady, Executive Director, at (229)377-4408 if you have questions or wish to apply. We will want to learn about your work history and any applicable experience you may have had. Three work and personal references will be required. We look forward to hearing from you.

List of bird species observed on the Summer Birding Hike with Charlie and Cindy Baisden, posted on e-Bird:

Birdsong Nature Center, Grady, Georgia, US
Jul 26, 2025 8:10 AM - 10:18 AM
Protocol: Traveling
0.977 mile(s)

Wood Duck 4 Female with juveniles
Mourning Dove 1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird 2
Anhinga 1
Great Egret 1
Mississippi Kite 2
Red-bellied Woodpecker 1
Eastern Wood-Pewee 1
Great Crested Flycatcher 1
Eastern Kingbird 4
White-eyed Vireo 1
Blue Jay 4
American Crow 1
Carolina Chickadee 1

Tufted Titmouse 1
White-breasted Nuthatch 1
Carolina Wren 1
Eastern Bluebird 2
Eastern Towhee 1
Common Yellowthroat 1
Northern Cardinal 1
Indigo Bunting 1

View this checklist online at <https://ebird.org/checklist/S262847280>

Thank you, Cindy and Charlie, for a wonderful birding walk!

VOLUNTEERS: FALL WORKDAY WITH *HANDS ON THOMAS COUNTY!* Saturday, October 18, 9 AM – noon

Please join us for a busy volunteer event at Birdsong. This is a big day for **Hands On Thomas County** – every fall they send teams of hard-working volunteers to local non-profits in need of help and we are one of those fortunate organizations on their list. We can use many more hands to spruce up the House Garden, remove problematic shrubs and plants, and help with invasive plant removal. You will get to meet a lot of nice people - HOTC volunteers are the best! So please come on out, bring your work gloves, loppers, shovels, and enthusiasm and help us beautify the Birdsong garden! Thank you, Angela Kiminas, Executive Director of HOTC for including Birdsong in this wonderful community improvement day. Please sign up with HOTC at handsonthomascounty.org in September. Call or email Birdsong for more information: 229-377-4408 or song@birdsongnaturecenter.org.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT NOTES

August 6, 2025

Weather This is an exceptional day! There is a cool breeze, it is not terribly hot, and there is hardly any noticeable humidity. A northern front is coming through and what a gift it is. We humans are suffering from mid-summer weather fatigue – we have had enough of the endless hot days nearing 100 degrees and the palpable moisture in the air. After three months of this, we feel worn down and exhausted by it. We are ready for a change, so today is truly remarkable, being the first time in ages that the air is light and pleasant again. It actually feels good to be outside! This is our first moment of hope, that the seasons are soon to change and give us some relief.

We have been experiencing the typical summer pattern of intensely hot days with scattered afternoon rains. We recorded 5.42 inches of rain in June, 4.04 in July, and 2.52 so far in August. There were a few weeks of intense drought in July with extremely high heat causing the vegetation to wilt, but the rainy pattern finally returned. As tired as we are of all this, our wildlife is receiving benefit. The fields and woods are thriving and lush and providing a rich food web for all our animal species, from the smallest insects to birds, deer, and coyotes.

On this beautiful day, I drove out in the mule to take these notes to let you know what is going on out on the property. Here are a few sightings.

The Gin House Field We got a good hot burn through this field in April and have been curious about its impact. The field is a beautiful patchwork of different plants – some we are pleased about, some less so. There are swaths of broomsedge, briars, and winged sumac, interspersed with different grasses. The beginnings of a fall wildflower bloom are evident – goldenrod, *Liatris*, and some *Agalinis* plants are emerging along the trail, hinting at some color on the way once blooming starts. A wonderful surprise, however, is the extensive display of a white *Eupatorium* species in full bloom, (likely *E. hyssopifolium*, according to iNaturalist) throughout the entire field! I've never seen anything like it. The plant has many tiny flowers on a spreading flowerhead, white in color, and not showy. It is subtle and unassuming, but in huge patches it is really something to see! It looks like white clouds scattered through the Gin House. "Like snow in Georgia!", said a recent attendee on a Saturday nature walk. Our burning must have happened at just the right time with the right intensity to encourage this explosion of plants.

Further west in the Gin House is the Star Pasture. It did not get a hot burn, and here we are seeing *Agalinis* emerging, so we have that wildflower to

look forward to in a month or so. There is also plenty of goldenrod and ragweed filling up the Star Pasture.

The Eastern Bluebirds have benefited from this abundance – they had an excellent nesting season. Please see our Bluebird Monitors' upcoming report in the next newsletter!

Farm Pond On a Bird Walk two weeks ago with Cindy and Charlie Baisden we got to observe a mother Wood Duck with three nearly grown offspring feeding in the water lilies at the west end, very busy and active, poking and splashing through the weeds. Today I flushed them – all four were still there and they flew clear across the pond to drop down and hide in the water lilies at the east end. We hope they'll stay a while longer. If you can get your binoculars on them, you can see their white eye rings and the lovely purple-blue patch on the adult female's wings.

The Live Oak Hammock This area doesn't burn because the canopy is very dense and the ground is shaded, so grass (fuel for burning) doesn't grow here. The oak leaves themselves are very tough and won't burn when fallen, so there isn't any fuel under these trees to carry a fire through. The prolific old sweetgum trees nearby fill this place up with saplings and the only way to open it up is to mow. This is a big challenge for Alan, to intricately maneuver a huge tractor and mower through these trees, however, Alan is very good at this and recently mowed using the new tractor. It is a beautiful sight! Alan reports that because of the increased power and rpms of the new tractor, the mower cuts much better and more easily and the whole process goes faster. The results are wonderful. That tractor is a gift that just keeps on giving, and the Live Oak Hammock is a good place to see what it can do. Thanks, Alan, and thanks, tractor donors!

Longleaf Pines The planted longleaf site continues to amaze us with how quickly the trees are growing and how well they are thriving. We got a good burn through here this spring, and the trees are now getting so big with the lower branches higher off the ground that we can see through the trees – the site is becoming its own forest. Interestingly, some trees are just now going into the rocket stage, while others are already 30 feet tall. Planted in 2016, we were always surprised by the lack of mortality and the speed of growth, so at this point there is a nice dense woods here which will self-select as time goes on. Along the east-west trail in the middle of the site, there is a fair bit of *Eupatorium* in bloom here too, along with passion vine, and *Liatris*, dogfennel, and other wildflowers coming up. We expect it will be a colorful place to walk through very soon.

Shortleaf Woods and Wildlife Woods Continuing on the loop around the property, there is lots of evidence of our hot burning along the trail between the Shortleaf and Wildlife Woods. The scorched brown stems of top-killed hardwood brush stand above the emerging greenery of the forest floor. This tells us we did a good job. The trails are lined with the beautiful Butterfly Pea, with its pale purple flowers on vines draped over other plants, apparently wildly attractive to bumblebees and wasps that fly from flower to flower. Along with emerging Partridge Pea, there is also a notable variety of sturdy legumes yet to bloom. Many of these we know of as tickseed or beggar's lice – the ones with the tiny triangular seeds covered in natural velcro that we will take home on our shoes and socks later in the fall.

Frog Pond Even with all the rain, the Frog Pond is very low. There is a wide band of gray mud circling the remaining water in the middle of the pond. It is covered with crayfish castles constructed with balls of mud the crayfish remove from a burrow. There were lots and lots of them, so the crayfish population must be doing well here. We saw evidence of their abundance during the Ephemeral Wetlands program with Rebecca Means and her wonderful interns with Conservation Pathways. What a great teaching team!

Squirrel Woods Nearly back to the main House, the Squirrel Woods looks beautiful. It is a good example of how the forest looks when fire goes through on a regular basis. There is good plant biodiversity here, healthy older hardwood and pine trees, longleaf regeneration, some good snags, Goat's Rue, a variety of grasses. There is a Red-headed Woodpecker family nearby, the deer love it here, and yes, so do the squirrels.

The Bird Window The Bird Window stays busy this time of year. Our local nesting birds are bringing their offspring in and teaching them to feed themselves. The Northern Cardinals appear to really take advantage of the Window for this purpose, bringing their young ones and showing them how it is done. The mister and pool are both very popular places, too – the birds love a good shower and a nice bath year-round, but they of course find them particularly refreshing in this heat.

We still have very active Ruby-throated Hummingbirds visiting the feeders that Lynn takes good care of daily. The usual rivalry for perching sites and dominance of the feeder can be observed all day. The old camellia nearby and the crepe myrtle branches closest to the feeder are apparently the best strategic positions from which to attack another hummingbird trying to get to the feeder. It gets wild!

Our most common visitors have been the big families of Cardinals, with plenty of Titmice, Chickadees, Jays, and an occasional Brown Thrasher (one

with only one tail feather). We've also seen Red-bellied Woodpeckers, American Crows, Eastern Towhees, Northern Parulas, Ground Doves, House Finches, Indigo Buntings, Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, White-breasted Nuthatches, a Pileated Woodpecker, several Black-and-white Warblers and an Eastern Bluebird. An observant visitor with a sense of humor listed an "American Cockroach".

The most entertaining visitors to the Bird Window these past six weeks or so have been a family of raccoons, and another mother with a baby – once they all came in together! One mother began bringing in her four small babies and taught them how to climb up on the stump and onto the bamboo window trough. They took to this naturally and soon they were there all the time. Raccoons are the epitome of cute, but assemble four of them in one place, eating like mad and pretty much ignoring any protestations on our part, and cute is not a strong enough word. Add to that the fact that when they get up on the trough, they press their furry round backsides flat against the window glass and just look you in the eye while eating sunflower seeds and shedding hulls everywhere – adorable. Mama would bring the entire troop, they would spread out on the three feeders and go at it. Our most recent experience with this family was on a day we had company at the Window, 5 or 6 people, and Mom found this to be too many humans watching them. She left and we watched her climb up the palm tree behind the pool, all the way up, followed in a row by each of her babies. They got to a wide neighboring horizontal branch, and then all spread out, end to end, and settled down for a nap. We could see this expanse of gray fur and striped tails along the branch, until Mom got comfortable and dangled her arms and legs over the side – so we could see her four little feet suspended in air up in the treetop. The raccoons remained there still and sleeping while our visitors enjoyed the Window, and when we left, she had awakened and was bathing a baby, washing its face. Beyond cute.

We are preparing to close for our summer break but are looking forward to the upcoming fall wildflower bloom in September and October. We can never predict what form this will take, but with all the emerging plants and buds and great variety we expect a significant bloom. This place is "fixin' to pop!" as a visitor recently told us. We will be keeping you posted on Facebook and by Mailchimp so you can plan a trip out to enjoy what Birdsong has to offer in early fall. See you then!

-KDB

NEW FRIENDS OF BIRDSONG

Tallahassee

Trina Mitchell
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Thomasville

Spike Gram

Cairo, GA

Diane Edwards

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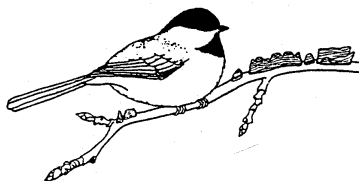
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Date _____

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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: _____

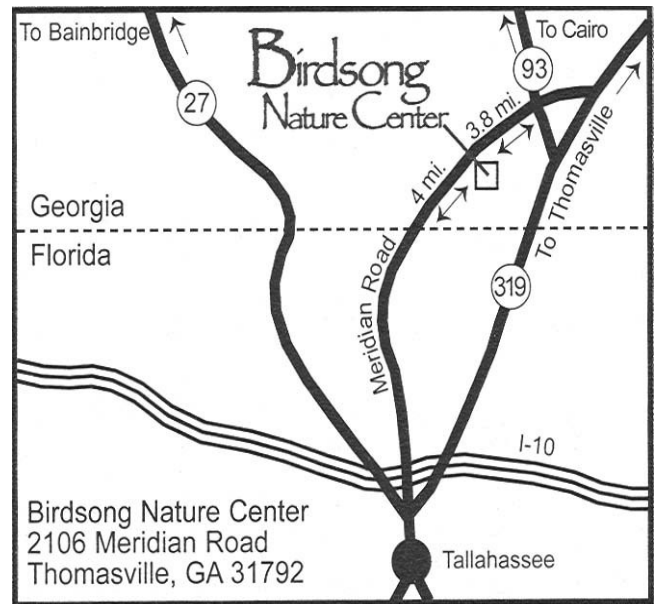
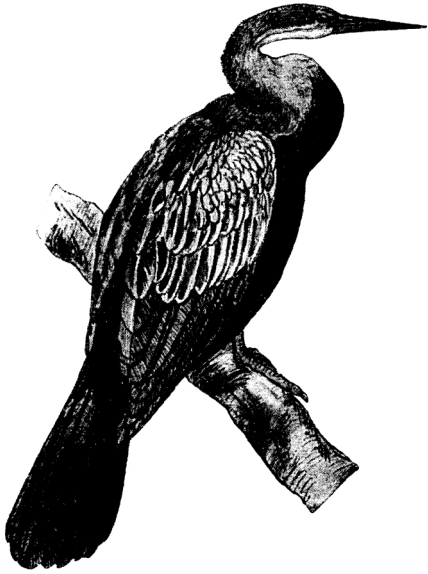
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Two free one-time guest passes.
Member discount on scheduled programs.
10% discount on items at the Chickadee Corner Gift Shop.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the Chickadee | \$100 | Six free one-time guest passes in addition to above. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the Hummingbird | \$250 | Hummingbird feeder in addition to above. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the Bluebird | \$500 | Bluebird nesting box in addition to above. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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"/> Financial/legal guidance | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on Board of Directors | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund raising | <input type="checkbox"/> (please submit resume) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching (birds, nature walks, stars, etc.) | _____ |
| <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 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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