

Birdsong Nature Center

January-February, 2025

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

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

January

Fri. Jan. 3 Center Reopens
Sat. Jan. 4 Free Family Day
Wed. Jan. 8 Land Management Workday
Thurs. Jan. 9 Butterfly Garden Workday
Sat. Jan. 18 Forest Therapy Walk
Wed. Jan. 22 Land Management Workday
Sat. Jan. 25 Land Management Overview for Volunteers

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February

Sat. Feb. 1 Free Family Day
Wed. Feb. 5 Land Management Workday
Thurs. Feb. 6 Butterfly Garden Workday
Sat. Feb. 8 Take a Child Outside in the Wintertime
Wed. Feb. 19 Land Management Workday
Sat. Feb. 22 Winter Morning Trail Ride

Please, no pets on Nature Center property.

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

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AND PLANT SALE

Thank you!

Thank you to all of you who attended our first Holiday Open House on November 16th! We did not really know what to expect, so were very pleased when over 200 people came out to see our new House and Garden Improvements, visit the newly opened Gift Shop, and go for a trailer ride drawn by our new tractor. There were lots of families with children who enjoyed making crafts and playing nature games, the tractor rides through the woods were a hit, the Gift Shop was bustling, the Plant Sale area stayed busy all morning and lots of plants went to new homes. We had beautiful weather, people really seemed to be having a good time, and we were pleased to see so many new folks who had never visited before. We hope you will all return again soon!

We want to thank our staff and volunteers who made the day possible. We had not originally planned to have a Plant Sale on this day, but after the Fall Plant Sale on November 2, we realized it was an opportunity to get more plants to a final destination before winter, so we combined the two events on short notice. It worked out beautifully and we thank everyone for a special and enjoyable day at Birdsong.

Thank you to our staff, Lynn Brown and Jane Elder, and volunteers Connie Klineman, Carole Hayes, Sherry Nichols, Kris Travis, Faith Hazelip, and Brenda Coy, for getting the gift shop ready for the day and for cashiering and helping shoppers. Thank you to Lynn, Sherry, and Cheryl Burnett for preparing and serving homemade cookies, and hot spiced cider. Thank you, June White, for her elegant and impressive floral arrangements placed all through the house—they were magical! Thank you to our WILD Ones children's education volunteers Sandra Sallee, Carolyn Cohen, Mike Weed, and Kate Taluga, for offering the children's crafts and games, all very well

received. The kids were clearly having a blast! Thanks, Alan Parker, for driving the tractor and taking so many people for rides in the woods—he didn't stop until everyone had a ride. Special thanks to Lynn Brown and Lagran Saunders, for baking the best holiday cookies ever!

Special thanks to June White, our Plant Sale Chair, and all the many loyal volunteers who came back so willingly to help with this impromptu sale two weeks after the original big Fall Sale. Please see the following list where we thank the volunteers for both sales.

Happy Holidays!

THANK YOU, FALL PLANT SALE CUSTOMERS AND VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you very much to all the loyal and first-time customers who joined us for Birdsong's Fall Plant Sale. We hope your new plants are happily thriving in their new homes. We also want to thank all our dedicated and talented workers who made the Fall Plant Sale so rewarding and so much fun. We truly appreciated so many of you being willing to come back out just two weeks later for an unplanned second sale at our Holiday Open House. We look forward to seeing you again in the Spring!

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Sherry Nichols
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Brenda Coy
Jane Elder

Marilena Panagiotou
Rick Cantrell
Jonae Favors
Carolyn Cohen
Melissa Rigsby
Lynette Joye Hitt
Albert Harrison
Michael Carter
Steve Wasp
Betty Esco
Becky McNeill



A DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

Birdsong's next Plant Sale will be held on our traditional third Saturday of March, from 9am to 1pm: March 15th, onsite at Birdsong Nature Center. Please put this date on your calendar and we'll be back in touch with more details in the March-April newsletter and on social media!

WINTER MORNING TRAIL RIDE

Saturday, February 22

10:00 – 11:30AM

Join us for a mid-morning trail ride to experience Birdsong in its winter beauty. We will point out deer scrapes, winter birds, and signs of wildlife as we go. We will make stops to discuss Birdsong's history, ecology, and land management, and visit places such as the Gin House Field's Star Pasture, longleaf pine planting, and others. We will also discuss the significance of the conservation easement recently placed on the property.

RESERVATIONS, PLEASE. Please call by noon on Friday, February 21 to reserve a space. We will be taking the truck and trailer and there is room for 12 people. Be prepared to be outdoors for several hours; dress for the weather and bring binoculars. We'll have a hot drink on the back porch afterwards and you can visit the Bird Window.

\$10 Friends, \$13 nonmembers, children half-price.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN WORKDAYS

Thursdays, January 9 and February 6

9 to 11AM

Birdsong's Butterfly Garden has been a wonderful place to visit this fall, with butterflies such as Zebra Longwings, Cloudless Sulphurs, and Gulf Fritillaries enjoying food and host plants even up until recently. Our Butterfly Gardeners do a great job keeping the garden in shape for our pollinators and they invite you to join them in their ongoing gardening endeavors. Please feel welcome to join this accomplished crew of volunteers to tend our beautiful Butterfly Garden! Bring gardening gloves, knee pads, clippers, and lunch if you wish to stay afterwards.

The team usually meets on the first Thursday of the month, but in January will meet on the *second Thursday, January 9th*. They will then go back to the usual schedule in February.

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

TAKE A CHILD OUTSIDE

IN THE WINTERTIME!

Saturday, February 8

9:30AM - Noon

Bring your favorite child to Birdsong and let them lead you on a natural adventure in the winter woods with volunteers 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.

RESERVATIONS PLEASE: we ask that you register by phone or email by noon on Friday, February 7, so we know how many adults and children to prepare for.

\$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 4 and February 1

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

FOREST THERAPY WALK
With Laura Poorman
Saturday, January 18, 2:30 – 4:00pm

Forest therapy walks offer a unique experience compared to traditional nature hikes. Lasting 1.5 or 2 hours and covering a relatively short distance, these walks enable participants to feel a deeper connection to nature. The experiences encountered during such walks can be profoundly meaningful and even life changing.

Forest Therapy is a practice that supports health and wellness through guided immersion in nature, forests, and other environments to promote the well-being of both people and the land. It is inspired by Shinrin-yoku, the Japanese practice of “Forest Bathing.” Forest Therapy focuses on fostering a reciprocal relationship between the forest and the practitioner. It provides a clearly defined sequence of guided events to allow for creativity and serendipity while embracing individual inspiration. Birdsong Nature Center offers an ideal place for this practice.

Laura Poorman is a Forest Therapy Guide certified through the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy. She encourages us to slow down and experience nature in a variety of ways: “As we slowly wander Birdsong’s beautiful property, I will offer a set of carefully crafted invitations to engage all our senses. There will be moments of sharing, reflection, and we will end our time with a tea ceremony. This is not a hike; this is a slow-paced meander through nature.”

“Please prepare and dress for the weather. Bring water and a snack as needed. Perhaps bring a small blanket, yoga mat, or pad to use to sit on the ground. Bring a stool or chair if needed. Please wear footwear suitable for walking outside. I guide walks in the rain as long as there is no lightning or severe weather. Please dress for wet weather as needed. I find the rain is another part of nature and the experience.”

\$30 per person. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, please. Call 229-377-4408 or email lynn@birdsongnaturecenter.org by noon on Friday, January 17th to reserve your space. Minimum class size, 5; maximum, 15 people.

NOW HIRING: A GREETER

Currently, our two Greeters, Lynette Joye Hitt and Sherry Nichols, share greeting duties on the days and hours we are open: Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 9 to 5, and Sunday 1 to 5. We are interested in hiring another part-time greeter to take over some of the hours worked by current staff and provide more scheduling flexibility. The pay is \$12 per hour.

An ideal candidate would enjoy meeting and working with people; 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 very easy); is physically able to feed the birds, tidy the restrooms, water plants, pull weeds, 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 for more information. 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!

LAND MANAGEMENT WORKDAYS
Wednesdays: January 8 and 22, and February 5 and 19
9am to noon

Cold weather is here, and we are getting ready for burn season! Prescribed burning is our primary land management practice at Birdsong, and we could use some additional volunteer support to prepare the property for the winter burn season and assist us with burning. We have a wonderful volunteer land management crew that has been doing this for many years, but we can always use more workers. You do not need to be an experienced fire practitioner, but you do need to be physically capable, and able to take instruction. On scheduled workdays we do projects such as clearing fallen trees and trimming overhanging limbs and brush that is encroaching on the trails. We also have ongoing challenges to work on, such as invasive plant removal and cutting down the thriving sweetgum and pine saplings that are showing up everywhere. This time of year, we'll be focusing on burn prep such as raking around snags and clearing firelanes.

If you enjoy working outdoors with good-natured companions, please join us on these workdays. Alan Parker, our land and site expert, will lead these efforts and be joined by members of our volunteer burn crew. They would be pleased to have your help.

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 afterwards and Birdsong will provide drinks and dessert.

Please note: If the weather turns out to be good for burning on a scheduled workday, we will pivot to doing a burn, *and that means meeting at a different time of day*, so do let us know in advance if you are planning to attend so you can be informed of any potential time change. It will also help us prepare for lunch in case you want to join us. Please contact us at 229-377-4408 or email kathleen@birdsongnaturecenter.org. Thank you!

Please also see the Land Management Overview for Volunteers trail ride description below. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our land management and ways to participate.

2025 LAND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW
FOR VOLUNTEERS
Saturday, January 25 9:30AM – 12PM

Join us for a trail ride and conversation about Birdsong's land management plans for 2025. Whether you are a seasoned veteran or a newcomer who has been thinking about volunteering, this overview is designed to give you an understanding of our long-range land management vision and show you specific projects and ongoing efforts we'll actively engage in this year. We'll also discuss the significance and details of our now-completed conservation easement.

This session is important for anyone who wants to help us burn this year, as well as anyone interested in volunteering to learn about and help with year-round invasive species removal, trail maintenance, and native plant and wildlife habitat enhancement. New folks will get to talk to 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 time in the field and return to the house for lunch together. You will get to meet some wonderful people and come away with an understanding of how valuable your volunteer role can be in Birdsong's land management.

No charge. **RESERVATIONS, PLEASE.** Call by noon on Friday, *January 24th* 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.

BIRDSONG'S GIFT SHOP Thank you!

Thank you to so many of you who came out to do your holiday shopping at Birdsong's Gift Shop this fall! We hope the gifts you got will please your loved ones for many years to come. If you are looking for some interesting post-holiday gifts in 2025, you may want to come back to browse! We have nature-related gifts, books, bird feeders, jewelry, field bags, caps, visors, puzzles, children's items, and more. We also have some special art items in stock, including handcrafted wooden birdhouses made by woodworker and artist Buddy Hull, barnwood paintings of Birdsong buildings by Ruth Lampman, and prints of an original painting of the Birdsong Barn, by Martha Monaghan.

We especially want you to see our new Birdsong T-shirt design that honors our Purple Martins. It features the Martin pole with gourds, Martin parents, and the Birdsong Barn. We have both long- and short-sleeved shirts in a variety of sizes, in gray, light blue, lime green, and beige - a perfect gift for any occasion, year-round! The Gift Shop is open during our regular hours of operation: Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 to 5, and Sunday from 1 to 5. Call 229-377-4408 for more information.



Homestead Imprinted Sportswear, our local and beloved T-shirt company, has made Birdsong's T-shirts for decades. Owners Don and Sharman Franklin brought us a framed print to celebrate our first new T-shirt design in a long time: Purple Martins!

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, the dates for tours, and hours when the site may be open to the public. Preserve volunteers will be offering field trips so you can 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 for dates and times.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT NOTES

December 4, 2024

Weather Winter has come early this year! We've had frost on the ground every morning for the past 5 days, with a low last night of 28 degrees and highs not much above 60. This is quite cold for late November, early December. This cool dry front is expected to persist for another week, followed by some light rain. We went the entire month of October, post-Helene, with only one .08-inch rain shower, and a total of only 3.88 inches in November. Some rain will be very welcome.

Overall, the weather for the months of October and November has been ideal, especially for people who enjoy getting outside. It has been mostly sunny, becoming gradually cooler and less humid, with lots of sunshine and blue sky providing a perfect backdrop to a colorful fall wildflower season and a recent emergence of intense gold, pink, and maroon leaf color in the forest. We have had a lot of company lately and hope you are one of the many people who have been out enjoying Birdsong in these perfect conditions.

Land Management We are really looking forward to our winter burn season this year, mainly because we have a wonderful, reliable tractor! It will be very interesting to see how the season goes using our new equipment. Alan has had some extensive experience with it now, so we are anticipating a productive season. It has been a while since we've been able to burn in cold weather, so that will be a welcome change for our volunteer burn crew, who endured some very intense warm-season burning last spring and early summer. Such burning can be very good for our management objectives, but it is hard on our personnel.

We have several areas on Birdsong that we have not been able to get to in the past couple of years and they require some major brush removal. Winter is a good time for this kind of burning – we want it to burn hot all the way through. In warm season burning, with the high humidities, we can't always get a clean burn. In the following burn season, we will be able to use more finesse in our scheduling and burn in warmer weather for specific management needs, but for now these areas will benefit from some hot burning in winter.

The Light This time of year the sun travels a lower and lower arc across the southern sky each day and when the sky is cloudless and clear, this makes for interesting and intriguing nature observation. When you first walk out at Birdsong, from the house or parking area, you are facing south and almost everywhere you look, the grasses and trees and landscape are lit from behind, causing whatever you are observing to appear either haloed, or glowing as if illuminated from within. Some of our most abundant, or "common", plants and grasses, such as our broomsedges and dry goldenrod flowers and dogfennel seedheads, ordinarily not con-

sidered very eye-catching, now look positively ethereal and stunning in the afternoon light. I love walking the trail through the middle of the Gin House Field at any time of year, there is always something wonderful to appreciate, but right now, the swaths of broomsedge and dry goldenrod are spectacular. Just look closely at one broomsedge seed head, or one dry goldenrod flower, all the tiny feathery seeds – their beauty and complexity in this light will amaze you. Then gaze out farther and farther on the huge field and try to take in the expanse made up of all those little details...all so beautiful in the golden light. There are also tiny bees and other insects flying about with their diaphanous wings made magical in the sunlight. I hope you will come out early in January and witness this phenomenon for yourself, before the sun starts to cross the sky at a higher angle as we head towards spring.

The Bird Window The Bird Window is very colorful right now: the camellias are blooming exuberantly! Two of Betty's favorite shrubs are showing off – the pale Pink Perfection and the deep pink one next to the pool. They really add to the beauty of the Bird Window in winter.

We have had our typical annual lull in activity at the Bird Window this fall. As it is harvest-time in the wild, our birds have not needed as much supplemental food; they are out enjoying the abundance of berries and seeds and insects that are still available in early winter. The teenage raccoon has moved on, was last sighted in late October, and the squirrels are as busy as ever but now have outlived their awful warble infections. Most of them this summer were loaded down with botfly larvae – a dreadful sight. Now they look like themselves again, although you can still see the scars. We noticed something unusual this summer-fall - our Cardinals did not suffer the usual mite infection that causes them to lose the feathers on their heads. In the heat of past summers and early fall they look like tiny condors with their naked heads and ruff of feathers around their necks. No such indignity was observed this year, we are happy to report.

With the onset of this deep cold snap, we are seeing more birds at the Window, including our year-round regulars such as Carolina Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Cardinals, Eastern Towhees, American Crows, Carolina Wrens, Brown Thrashers, a Red-bellied Woodpecker, and a few Blue Jays.

Other interesting sightings at the Window include: Ovenbird, Northern Parula, Red-eyed Vireo, Gray Catbird, Pine Warbler, Swainson's Thrush, Common Ground Dove, White-eyed Vireo, Goldfinch, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, Wood Thrush, Eastern Phoebe, Bay-breasted Warbler, Palm Warbler, Blue-headed Vireo, and White-throated Sparrow. We really enjoyed the three Gray Catbirds that played and splashed in the pool this fall. Our last sighting of one was on December 4th.

Yaupon Holly We have many berry-producing trees and shrubs that provide prodigious amounts of food for wildlife in the late summer and fall: wax myrtle, crabapples, cherry laurel, red cedar, winged sumac, wild persimmon, American beautyberry and many others. They are extremely valuable food sources and are especially important for migrating birds and winter residents.

One significant species is especially coveted, and that is our native Yaupon Holly – it is very abundant locally and is in full fruit right now, awaiting the hordes of hungry Cedar Waxwings and American Robins that will descend upon it soon. This invasion will be much to the chagrin of our possessive Mockingbirds who claim specific clumps of prized shrubs as their very own. The splendid Cardinal-red berries occur in clusters along tall curving holly stems, among tiny scalloped deep-green leaves. The berries are shiny and inviting and look good enough to eat, although the name of the plant is *Ilex vomitoria*, a clue that this plant is not ideal for human consumption. A southern Coastal Plain native species, the leaves of this plant were valued highly as a ceremonial purgative herb by Native American tribes, and it was an important trading commodity in the Carolinas long ago. The leaves have a high caffeine content and induce vomiting in humans when ingested as a tea. The berries apparently do not have any such adverse impacts on our bird species, and when a flock of a hundred Waxwings descends on the enormous yaupon cluster near the office, they joyfully gorge themselves, whistling blissfully all the while, as our frustrated resident Mockingbird who has been guarding his collection for the last month attempts unsuccessfully to run them off. For now, there is plenty to go around. Do come out and admire these beautiful, brilliant berries before the waves of migrants snap them up.

Sightings We have had a busy fall this year at Birdsong, with our House and Garden Improvements completions, Donor Celebration, Fall Plant Sale. Whiskey-in-the-Woods, re-opening the Gift Shop, and the Holiday Open House and second Plant Sale and other projects going on behind the scenes. I have really missed getting out to enjoy the property and haven't gone on many walks to make observations to share with you in these notes, so I don't have any interesting animal encounters to report this time. Alan has been fortunate to see a dozen Wild Turkeys the other morning way back on the property, and a visitor actually saw a flock of them behind the Bird Window garden. Our Land Management crew was out working yesterday and reported flushing a Northern Harrier out of the broomsedge in the Gin House Field. It was a male,

often nicknamed "Gray Ghost." We're pleased to hear about that – we usually have two Harriers that typically visit in the winter months, the male and the brown-toned female. We assume they may be the same ones that come each year. They love that wide-open space and will fly low over the broomsedge hunting with their unique tilting wing motion. It is not uncommon to witness them making a wide circle around the field, taking their time, then spotting something in the grass and suddenly dropping out of sight to capture a rodent, then flying up out of the thick grass and carrying it to the open trail where they can eat more comfortably. Glad they are back!

I did make a point to walk out yesterday afternoon, to see what I could to share with you, and learned that it is once again White-tailed Deer mating season. I walked down past the Barn to the Wild Azalea Garden and made the loop around and back up the hill past the Big Bay Drain. It was not a long walk, this is a fairly short distance, but I counted 17 different deer scrapes! We talk about them every winter because they are so fascinating, and you can come out and see them for yourselves. These are places where an ardent male is making his presence known to all the other deer, making clear that this is his territory and those females belong to him. He will rattle his antlers in any low-hanging branches and scratch the ground vigorously with his front hooves, scraping all the grass away and leaving a criss-cross pattern of long deep gouges in the earth. The branches above this spot will often be broken. He may also leave a single hoof print in the middle of the scrape, with one forceful stamp. Seventeen! You must come out and have a look – the life force is strong out here!

Along with the deer scrapes another wonderful thing to experience near the Azalea Garden is the forest of sourwood trees along the drain. Their color has been intensifying each day: peach and salmon, coral and ruby. This is one of our favorite annual sights to see and it is a very good year for sourwoods. Please come out and enjoy Birdsong as we move into winter. The air is cold and dry and invigorating, the sunlight is uplifting, and the landscape holds a lot of subtle charms for you to discover.

Post Script: The Robins have arrived! There must be 200 Robins here, all over the back lawns and gardens, browsing for berries under the cedar trees, and happily helping themselves to the Mockingbird's yaupon stash. He is intensely annoyed and barking at them and they are enjoying themselves immensely and ignoring him. Robins are such a cheerful presence; it is a delight to have them back!

-KDB

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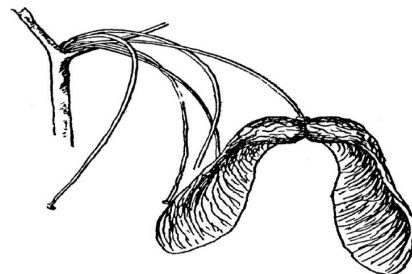
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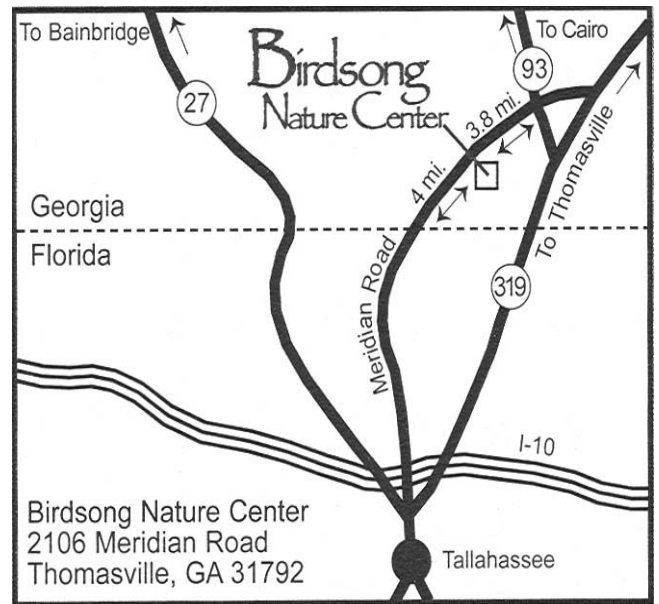
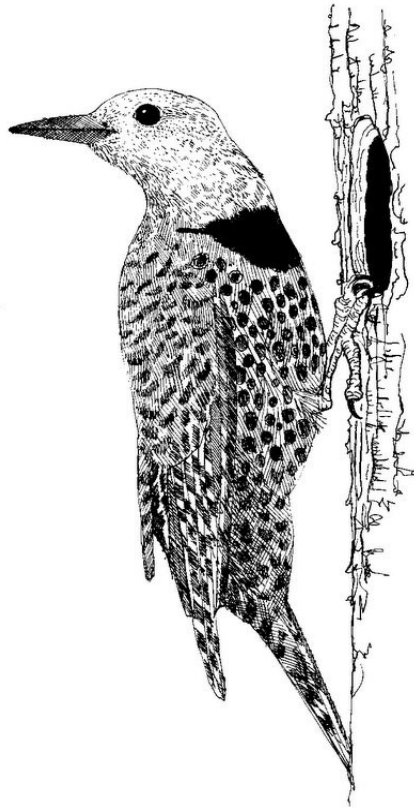
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