

Birdsong Nature Center

September-October, 2026

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

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

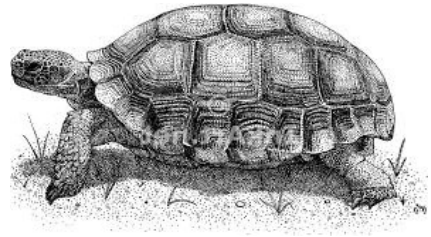
September

Wed.	Sept.	2	Center Reopens
Sat.	Sept.	5	Free Family Day
Sat.	Sept.	19	Gopher Tortoise Field Day
Sat.	Sept.	26	Fall Bird Walk

October

Sat.	Oct.	3	Free Family Day
Sat.	Oct.	3	Holly Woods Restoration Workday
Wed.	Oct.	7	Land Management Workday
Sat.	Oct.	10	Special 40th Anniversary Fundraiser: Benefit Concert by Del Suggs
Sat.	Oct.	17	Fall Wildflower Tour
Wed.	Oct.	21	Land Management Workday
Sat.	Oct.	31	Take a Child Outside on Halloween!

BIRDSONG NATURE CENTER
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Please, no pets on Nature Center property.

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

Dear Friends and Appeal Donors,

It has been a long, hot summer, but our dedicated volunteer construction crew continues to make strides toward completing our Appeal-funded Buildings Improvements Projects. We thank Buddy Holshouser, Phil Williams, Jon Yarbrough, Mike Brezin and Glen Burman for all their work this summer. They are getting close to wrapping up the work at the cabin. We now have a new tile floor in the bathroom and a tile backsplash in the kitchen. There are two beautiful handmade wood countertops and a bar top between the kitchen and living room in place, designed and built by artist Buddy Hull. The new kitchen sink has been installed. The construction team has put in a new porch floor with wide steps and handrails at the front door. They have installed new interior doors and door trim, installed and painted and/or stained baseboards and quarter-round. Next, they will refinish the front door and install folding closet doors, fans and lights. Then we can get the plumbers in to re-plumb the kitchen and bathroom and install all new fixtures, toilet, and water heater. Final steps will include getting new appliances, painting the porch and doing some landscaping. So, our wonderful volunteers have been busy! We are getting close to having the cabin ready for its next use.

Other projects are moving along as well: the outdoor bathroom has new toilets, a new sink and plumbing installed, and the entire counter was refurbished and replaced. Buddy Hull built another beautiful countertop with a raw edge— you must see it – and look for the wonderful surprise: there are carved butterflies embedded in the surface!

Regarding the office building improvements: we have told you about our new roofs on the building and the shed and we are very pleased with them. The volunteer team is also working on the office building: they are preparing to replace the decaying boards and wall under a window in Lynn's office, inside and out, and put in a new air conditioner. They are also preparing to panel the middle room to make it into useable office space and are looking at a few challenges with that space. Ellery Sedgwick of Red Hills Lumber has offered to donate the pine boards for paneling, so we truly appreciate that support. We are looking at replacing the window and possibly adding another on that wall for more light and adding an A/C unit and lighting. The team will also do a building-wide replacement of old boards with wood rot around the windows and outside walls, repair the door frame for the middle room, and pressure wash the building.

We have some very good news about the historic Barn improvements. We have finally found a contractor who not only gave us a reasonable estimate on the work but can also replace the shed and poles of the lean-to behind the barn, *and* he has located the matching metal roofing panels for the main roof that we have held out for! This is a big deal, because we've gotten four other estimates for the work, but no one else could find the metal we need to maintain the historical integrity of the barn or was willing to also do the structural work on the back shed. So, we will be setting up a work schedule with this company very soon!

We are also ready to purchase the new 4-wheeled utility vehicle that your donations have funded. We are working with the Kawasaki dealer in Thomasville, and our vehicle is available when we are ready to get it. We need to clear a space for it in the equipment shed, so we'll schedule a volunteer workday in September and then we can get it delivered.

We want to thank all of you who gave so generously to our last two Annual Appeals. Your significant funding has made it possible to get a huge amount of work done and to purchase a much-needed work vehicle. We are loving the improvements being made at the cabin and office, and we will find a way to share them with you soon. We are particularly excited to know that we can now get the 1880's Barn repaired and re-roofed in the manner it requires as both a historic and a beloved iconic Birdsong building. Thank you for your kindness and strong support!

SPECIAL 40TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER
Save the Date: Saturday, October 10th
Benefit concert by Del Suggs

We really enjoyed your company at Birdsong's 40th Anniversary Celebration in April, and we want to continue celebrating this milestone with you through the rest of the year. We hope you'll join us for a very special fundraiser in October.

We are pleased to announce that renowned Tallahassee musician Del Suggs has graciously offered to perform a benefit concert for Birdsong on the late afternoon/evening of October 10th! Please put this date on your calendar and we will be back in touch with you by email with the details.

Please be sure that we have your email address; we won't be sending out invitations by regular U.S. mail and all future announcements and ticket sales will be online. Please contact Lynn at 229-377-4408 or birdsong@birdsongnaturecenter.org to confirm that your address is on file.

It will be a beautiful time of year for an outdoor concert by the Barn. We look forward to a joyful musical event as we celebrate with old friends and new in support of Birdsong's mission. All are welcome to join us to continue the party!

Have a look at Del's website at <https://saltwatermusic.com>. If you don't already know Del and his music, you are going to love them both!

GOPHER TORTOISE FIELD DAY

Saturday, September 19

Time: 10am to Noon

The gopher tortoise plays a significant ecological role in longleaf pine and sandhill communities in the southeast. It is classified as a threatened species in the states of Georgia and Florida and is listed as Threatened under the U.S. Endangered Species Act in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. At Birdsong we are fortunate to have active gopher tortoise burrows quite close to our trails where they can be easily observed.

Lora Smith, Ph.D., is a Scientist at Jones Center at Ichauway in Newton, Georgia. She is researching the effects of mammalian predation on gopher tortoises and conducts additional research on upland snake ecology and pond-breeding amphibians. She has provided excellent tortoise programs at Birdsong for many years as a representative of the Gopher Tortoise Council.

Lora will offer an informative power point presentation on the gopher tortoise's life history and ecology. Our group will then ride out in the field to locate several of our tortoise burrows. Lora will bring her special camera that can be inserted into the burrows so we may be able to see a tortoise inside its burrow, which is always fascinating!

\$12 Friends, \$14 non-members. RESERVATIONS, PLEASE. This program is geared for adults and children four years and older. There is room for 12 people on the trailer. Call 229-377-4408 or email birdsong@birdsongnaturecenter.org by noon on Friday, September 18th, to reserve a space on the trailer and learn how you and your family can help protect gopher tortoise habitat near you. You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch if you wish to stay after the program.

FALL BIRD WALK

with Charlie and Cindy Baisden

Saturday, September 26, 2026 8:00 – 10:00AM

Join us for an early fall morning bird walk at Birdsong Nature Center with volunteer leaders Charlie and Cindy Baisden. We will visit a variety of habitats, such as the old field/pond edge by the Farm Pond, and mixed pine and hardwood forest along the north side of Big Bay Swamp. Our goal will be to spot migrating species heading south and returning winter residents such as Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, and various wood warblers, vireos, and sparrows. At the conclusion of the walk, we will want to visit the Bird Window, offering an opportunity to observe up close some of the species we observed during the walk. *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 fall migrants that are common to South Georgia and North Florida, please join us on September 26th.

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, binoculars, field guides, and insect repellent with you.

\$8 Friends, \$10 nonmembers, children half-price. RESERVATIONS, PLEASE. Call by noon on Friday, September 25th to reserve your space.

FREE FAMILY DAYS

First Saturdays: September 5 and October 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 getting to know the property, hiking the trails, and visiting the Bird Window, Gift Shop, and Butterfly Garden.

Admission: free

FALL WILDFLOWER TOUR

Saturday, October 17

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 and this year's weather has been unusual. Please join volunteer Dylan Ryals-Hamilton (you may remember him from the enjoyable *Wildlands and Weedslore* plant ramble he led in May) and Executive Director Kathleen Brady for a tour of the property on a beautiful fall day! We are scheduling this trailer ride in the hopes that we will get to see the landscape in its fall regalia – but the peak changes every year, so we just hope to be close!

We are anticipating a wonderful display of narrow-leaved sunflowers, *Pittyopsis*, and goldenrod, mixed in with purple *Liatris* and Mistflower. We are never sure exactly what will happen in the Gin House Field, but we are hopeful for 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.

RESERVATIONS, PLEASE. *Please call or email by noon on Friday October 16th 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.

\$12 Friends, \$14 nonmembers, children half-price.

TAKE A CHILD OUTSIDE

on Halloween!

Saturday, October 31

9:30-Noon

Bring your favorite child to Birdsong and enjoy a natural Halloween in the woods at Birdsong! Each child will receive a collecting bag and leaders Sandra Saltee and Carolyn Cohen will take the group out on a natural treasure hunt to discover what Mother Nature has to offer - we are sure it will be all treats! This is harvest time, with nuts, berries and leaves in profusion. Back at the Barn turn your child's imagination loose to create a Halloween craft item or special gift for someone with the interesting materials they have collected.

Halloween costumes are encouraged and there will be door prizes for all kids! Be prepared: there will be photos taken! Cookies and lemonade provided.

\$6 Friends, \$9 nonmembers, children half-price. Make **RESERVATIONS, PLEASE** by noon on Friday, October 30th, so we know what materials will be needed. Call (229)377-4408 or email birdsong@birdsongnaturecenter.org.

HOLLY WOODS RESTORATION WORKDAY

Saturday, October 3, 9am to 11am

The volunteer restoration work group made great progress this past winter, spring, and early summer on removing Coral Ardisia and other invasive plants from Birdsong's Holly Woods. The group dug out a tremendous number of plants and removed the berries of nearly all the fruiting Ardisia in the Holly Woods and surrounding woodlands. We will initiate a highly targeted herbicide program by a professional applicator as recommended by our forestry consultant. There are still plenty of other invasives to remove, so if you would be interested in joining us this fall to continue our work in the Holly Woods, please contact Donna Legare at 850-386-1148.



Please enjoy the following story submitted by long-time member and volunteer Janeen Keye.

Memories of Birdsong

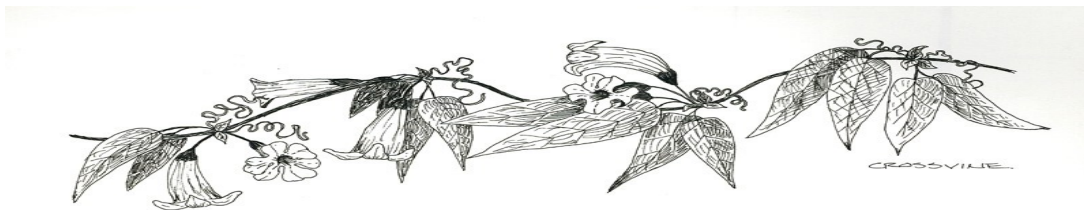
My visits to Birdsong Nature Center began in the late 1980's and I have visited many times over the years since then. Some of my favorite memories are of the open house hayrides in the fall. In the fall of 2008, I especially enjoyed a ride on the hay wagon pulled by a tractor driven by Jody Walthall of Native Nurseries. As we bumped along through the mowed paths and through the piney woods, I remember something that Jody said that has stuck with me. In referring to the majestic pines we observed along the way he said, "Pine trees want to be burned." This was an educational comment for me and taught me the importance of woodland burning to benefit the ecosystem - a practice that is carried out regularly at Birdsong.

Another memorable event occurred that year. Members from St. Francis Wildlife brought some of their "ambassadors" for the visitors to observe. The "Birds of Prey" program was an outstanding session and one I will always remember. It was a real thrill to be able to observe up close the Great-horned Owl, Mississippi Kite and others.

More recently, I have participated in many of the Old-Timey Plant Sales held at Birdsong. My experiences in the butterfly and pollinator section of the sale allowed me to meet many interesting gardeners and others that wanted to learn about starting a site especially designed to encourage bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators. I will never forget those volunteer years and how much I learned from June White and others who helped with the sales.

Lastly, some of my favorite visits to Birdsong occur in the fall when the breathtaking wildflowers are in full bloom. The acres of bright gold sunflowers and goldenrod interspersed with the beautiful blue of mistflowers and the pale purple of liatris is spectacular. The lovely pale pink of agalinis will also catch your eye. In spite of all my photographic efforts, the intense beauty of these scenes are rarely captured.

It gives me a feeling of contentment to know that Birdsong Nature Center exists. In a world of constant growth and development that seems to be slowly turning our world into concrete and asphalt, it brings me joy to know that this wonderful place will always be there for us to connect with the beauty and charm of nature.



LAND MANAGEMENT WORKDAYS

Wednesdays: October 7 and 21

9am to noon

It has been a long, hot, stormy summer. With all the rain and sunshine, Birdsong's vegetation has been growing and thriving. This presents us with lots of land management challenges to work on and we could really use your help. If you enjoy working outdoors with good-natured companions, please join us on these workdays. Your contribution will be much appreciated. It can still get 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!

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT NOTES

July 30, 2026

Weather The endurance test continues. We're all at that point where we've had enough already, please bring on some cooler weather. It has been weeks and weeks now of consistently intense heat and high humidity. We have had some good rain off and on, but still not enough to fill up the ponds and swamp: 5.28 inches in June, 10.41 in July, and 1.37 so far in August. Things look pretty much the same as they did when the notes were written for the last newsletter at the ponds and swamp, with thick green grass flourishing in the Frog Pond and Spring Pond, scattered pools in Big Bay Swamp, and very low water in the middle of the Farm Pond with the steep clay sides still visible and lots of animal trails through the *Brasenia* and lilies out in open water. There is also plenty of *Utricularia* in bloom, both the purple and yellow varieties, so there is a little bit of welcome color and cheerfulness near the mud-flats.

Everywhere else, the vegetation is thriving and lush and deep green. Butterfly Pea has begun its summer explosion out on the trails. This vining legume, studded with distinctive feminine periwinkle flowers, is now covering the trailsides in the woods. It blooms early in the day, and the flowers begin to wilt with the onset of heat, so do come out in the morning to enjoy this rewarding display.

Land Management With all the rain, our water-starved vegetation that made it through the drought now responds to each rain as if it might not get another. Mowing has been an enormous challenge. The back yard and garden need to be mowed almost every week now, something we aren't used to. With Alan still gone, Mike Carter comes over with his mower to help in the gardens. We hired some help with a larger mower to help with a couple of special projects. We are fortunate to have a wonderful volunteer who is mowing and keeping the trails in shape, so that is a big help.

This week, we have a contractor coming to mow the sides of our dams at Big Bay Swamp and the Farm Pond. Betty and Ed had the clay dams built in the early 1940's. They are extremely steep-sided and grass doesn't grow well here but woody plants do, so there is minimal fuel and they don't burn well. The woody plants and small trees get a foothold but can't be reached by our mower and the sides are too steep for someone to weed-whack them, so even though we do burn here, we still need special machinery to come in every few years and mulch the trees and woody plants that have grown up. This equipment has a long arm with a mulching-

head mower on it that can be directed out over the side of the dam and straight down over the vegetation, mulching it. This is a wonderful thing because then there is no cut brush to remove. It is very expensive, but we are glad to have found an operator who has the right equipment and can take care of the dams for us this summer.

The Bird Window We enjoy all times of the year at the Bird Window, but baby bird season is always entertaining, and Cardinals love to bring their kids to the Window! A few days ago, there were 14 cardinals here, several sets of parents and many youngsters of different ages learning their way around the feeding sites at the Window and finding out that they can't hop backwards off the bamboo feeder! We are also enjoying the presence of a large baby Brown Thrasher, easy to identify because of his pale face and his tentative nature. We've had a pair of inseparable House Finches visiting all summer, and a beautiful male Eastern Towhee who enjoys the bath. The pool is naturally a big draw this time of year and there is lots of splashy bathing and showering going on all the time. The Tufted Titmice, Carolina Chickadees, Blue Jays, and Carolina Wrens are frequent visitors throughout the day.

The Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are busy, with dominant birds doing a lot of chasing; we are seeing males, females and young visiting the feeder. There have been lots of sightings of a male and female Indigo Bunting, as well as several Eastern Bluebirds. Other sightings include Blue Grosbeak, Mourning Dove, Ground Dove, Pileated Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, male and female Summer Tanagers, Northern Parula, a female Hooded Warbler, White-breasted Nuthatch, American Crow, and a mother raccoon with a baby, the first visit this year.

Another Little Bat Our Bluebird Monitors, David Jones and Myles Black, stopped by the office last Saturday after completing their nesting box monitoring and gave me the nesting update. It sounded good; we still had bluebird babies fledging although numbers were winding down as expected for this time of the season. They had two surprises for us though: there was a box with 4 baby Chickadees in it, and one with a little bat! It is very unusual to have Chickadees nesting this late in the season – they are usually early nesters and complete their fledging by early summer. So that was interesting!

They were also amazed to find that one of the boxes that had been cleaned out two weeks prior was inhabited by a little bat, asleep and holding on to the side of the box. This was a first! It had been very stormy for several nights in a row, and the night before had been particularly intense, so we assumed

that maybe the bat needed shelter from the rain. I had to go have a look that day to see if he or she was still there. Upon carefully opening the box, there was a tiny bat! It was holding on to the rough-hewn side of the cedar box with one small foot, head down, wings loosely folded and tucked in. He was dark gray, very furry, and his wing skin and that covering his tail bones and legs was very thin and leathery and nearly black. He was about two inches long, very small and tucked back near the corner with his head down, face to the wall, little ears visible. I assumed he was sleeping and he remained still while I had a look and took a few photographs. He appeared to be the same kind of bat we've been seeing in the Barn over the last few years: an Eastern Pipistrelle, our smallest local bat. Just a tiny, furry little creature, staying over for the night. A few days later, after another stormy night I went back and found him there again, in the same location in the box. This time he was holding on with the other foot, but in the same position, facing the wall, showing his back and the back of his head and ears, with his second foot visible also holding on to the wall, with wings folded symmetrically, "elbows" visible. This time he started vibrating as soon as I opened the box. Soon, his whole body was quivering, and he moved his head and his ears. I didn't want to disturb him any further, so closed the box up quickly and left. I have checked the box several times since that day and have not seen him again. It has also been dry, no storms, so maybe he has not needed shelter.

It was amazing to see that little bat at such close range. When we saw them in the Barn, they were hanging from the ceiling, several feet away. Here it was a matter of inches, and I was able to get a few photographs. The black wing skin covers the tail entirely, and you could see the shape of the long tail-bone within. The skin on the leg reminded me of a woman's full-length opera glove, wrinkled but so fine and beautiful. The foot was fascinating too, with curved hooks for toenails or claws. All the digits lined up evenly, straight across, and the "thumb" is slightly larger with a bigger hook, all clearly built for unconscious holding on while roosting and sleeping.

I've mentioned this before, but these very small animals inspire a deep desire to ensure they are protected. They appear so fragile and vulnerable. It was nice to think that this one found shelter on more than one occasion in one of our bluebird boxes. The Bluebird Monitors were pleased to have such an unusual guest!

Another interesting surprise Walking back to the office last week after a bat check (no bat that day), I vaguely noticed something small and pink on the

trail. At first, I thought it was probably a grape – it has been a really good fox grape season, and we see the fallen fruit on the ground a lot lately. Somehow that didn't sit quite right, so I turned around and went back to see what it was. It was moving. When I got positioned to really look, it stopped. Looking closer, it was a small, neat, black dung beetle, less than half an inch long, working very hard to relocate a *Russula* mushroom, a perfect little toadstool complete with a pinkish-red cap and a white stem and underside, being held up at an angle on the edge of its cap. The beetle was in typical dung beetle pose, facing down and away from the direction of movement, with his rear end up in the air, back feet pushing the high edge of the tiny round toadstool cap and making it roll. The mushroom cap was not quite an inch in diameter, and at this point looked a little worse for wear. I think he had been trying to move it somewhere for a while but was trapped in a perfect little circle of pine needle bits and other debris on the sandy trail. Unfortunately, when I stopped to watch, he stopped trying to roll it. I waited. He waited. Then he made a move and the toadstool fell on top of him, covering him completely, now flat on the ground. After about 30 seconds, he regrouped and the little cap started moving, heading in the original direction until it was thwarted by pine straw, then stopped and moved again, now to the right. I left this intrepid dung beetle to his Sisyphean task. Having seen dung beetles in action before, and being enormously impressed with their prowess and intelligence, I have no doubt that eventually that mushroom ended up exactly where the dung beetle wanted it. I will say this is the first time I've seen a dung beetle relocating anything but an insect or a ball of dung. I am very curious about where it ended up. Another never-to-be-known mystery out on the trail. I'm glad I went back to look!

In just the last few days, the light appears slightly different, there is a subtle feeling that something is changing. We are just starting to head towards fall and it is more than welcome.

Birdsong will be closed for summer break the last two weeks of August, and by the time we reopen we'll be listening for the Mockingbird to sing again, the long-awaited indicator that Dog Days are over. That will be something to celebrate. We'll look forward to seeing you in September. By the way, don't walk past anything that vaguely looks like a grape.

- KDB



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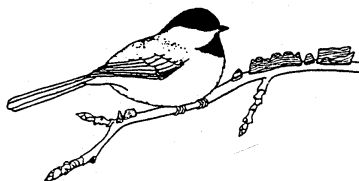
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How did you learn about Birdsong? From a member of Birdsong, the news media, word of mouth, our newsletter, etc?

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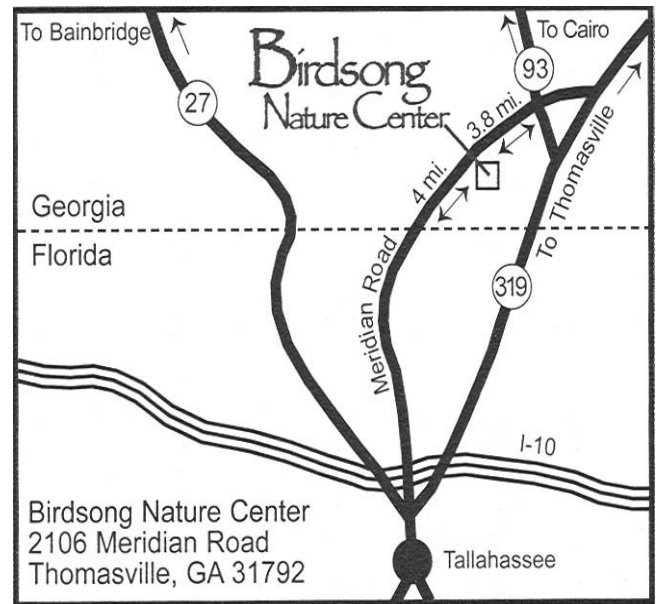
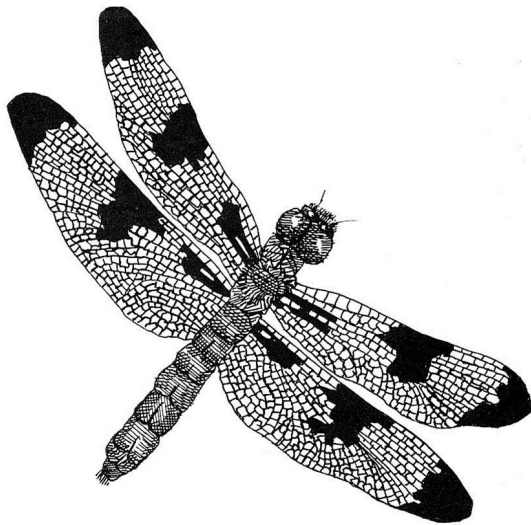
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| ☐ Individual Friend | \$30 | Bird Window and Nature Trails free during open hours.
Two free one-time guest passes.
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10% discount on items at the Chickadee Corner Gift Shop.
Bimonthly newsletter. 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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| ☐ Bird Window Instructor | ☐ Public Relations | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Financial/legal guidance | ☐ Serve on Board of Directors | _____ |
| ☐ Fund raising | ☐ (please submit resume) | _____ |
| ☐ Greeter | ☐ Teaching (birds, nature walks, stars, etc.) | _____ |
| ☐ Gift Shop Assistant | ☐ Other _____ | _____ |
| ☐ Land Management | | |
| ☐ 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.



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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.

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