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Protection of the environment through education, appreciation, and conservation.



NEWSLETTER OF THE APALACHEE AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

MARCH - APRIL 2013

March Program: Thursday, March 28, 2013
Social at 7 pm with Program at 7:30 pm

Florida's Breeding Bird Atlas: Take 2 on the State's Largest Citizen-Science Project with Bob Henderson

Speaker Series

Free and open to the public.

Social begins at 7 pm & meeting at 7:30 pm (unless otherwise noted). Located at the Historic Amtrak Station, 918 Railroad Avenue, Tallahassee. For more information: (850)322-7910, www.apalachee.org Map: <http://tinyurl.com/3q9q77s>

Speaker Meeting Dates

March 28

April 25

May 23

(Tentative Banquet Date)

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Breeding bird atlas projects provide a unique assessment of the health of a state's birdlife.

Atlasers, the title given to those who participate in such projects, venture into specific areas and catalog all the breeding birds that they find. The data from thousands of such volunteer efforts are then compiled into maps that provide a snapshot of the fine-scale distribution of breeding birds.



Roseate Spoonbill

Photo by Nick Baldwin

Florida completed its first atlas project in 1993 and recorded an astonishing 196 species of confirmed breeders and another 19 species that were probable or possible breeders. The first atlas recorded 6 new breeding species for the state and also revealed range expansions for some of our most colorful wading birds (Reddish Egret, Glossy Ibis, and Roseate Spoonbill) as well as southward range extensions of Chimney Swifts and Barn Swallows. More than 1,880 participants were involved in the first

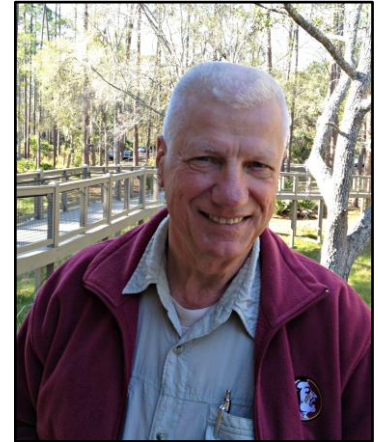
atlas, making it the largest citizen-science project ever conducted in Florida:

<http://legacy.myfwc.com/bba/default.asp>

Florida's Second Breeding Bird Atlas is now underway! Much has changed in the state over the 20 years since the first atlas was completed, and local atlas coordinator Bob Henderson will provide an overview of how you can participate in the second atlas project and help document

some of these changes. Bob also will provide some additional results from the first atlas effort, and there will be a follow-up field trip in early April to help new atlas enthusiasts understand the field methods used for this project.

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Bob Henderson



Glossy Ibis *Photo by Nick Baldwin*

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You can pay for membership using a credit card by calling Audubon's toll free membership number, 1-800-274-4201. **(Please mention our chapter ID, E19, for AAS to get full credit for a new membership).** If you prefer to pay by check for an annual membership, send your \$20 check made payable to National Audubon Society **(please add Apalachee Audubon's chapter ID, E19)** and mail to:

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Allow 4-6 weeks for the arrival of your first issue of *Audubon*. The cost of membership is tax deductible except for \$7.50 (which is allocated to *Audubon* magazine).

Welcome AAS New Board Member!

By Kathleen Carr

Apalachee Audubon is pleased to announce that we have a new board member, Helen King. She is filling the position left vacant when Julie Wraithmell resigned last month due to the many, MANY demands on her time, like starting up Audubon Florida's new shorebird monitoring program! We are deeply grateful to Julie for providing leadership and support at a critical time for the chapter. We hope to return the favor and, as a chapter, support her efforts and that of Audubon Florida.

Helen is a new member, recently moved to Tallahassee, and has been a member of the Sarasota Audubon Society. For four years, every Friday morning, she led a group called the Englewood Birders, all Audubon members, on trips to different birding spots. She is passionate about field trips and we are looking forward to her leading trips and socials. Her parents started the Jelks Family Foundation, Inc., of which she was president from 1995-2005. The foundation has actively supported Audubon Florida and is helping to fund a nature center at Celery Fields, a project of Sarasota Audubon.

Welcome Helen and thank you for your willingness to serve!

Please Save Your Used Postage Stamps to Help Injured Eagles!



Yes, it's true! All you have to do is cut postage stamps from your mail, leaving at least 1/4 inch of paper all around the stamp or just bring the envelope and I will trim them. Any postage stamp is useful—big, small, U. S. or foreign.

The Audubon Center for Injured Birds of Prey in Maitland, FL collects used postage stamps and sells them to wholesalers for sale to collectors all over the world. There will be a box to collect them at Audubon meetings. If you have questions or want to arrange for a pickup, please call Eileen Bontelle at (850) 656-3346.

THANK YOU for helping injured eagles!



**Kathleen Carr with “Paige”
at the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey**
Photo by Mac Stone

President’s Message **Education is the Key** **By Kathleen Carr**

Most of us have come to Audubon because we love birds, love to watch them, and want to conserve the ecosystems that support them—and us.

What got you into birding? Was it an interest sparked by a birder friend or relative, an activity that you chose to get outdoors, or a particular bird sighting that sparked your imagination?

My “Come to Birding” moment came with a flock of Cedar Waxwings feeding on holly berries at Michigan State University where I was a student. I was walking to the student bookstore on campus one cold, late winter day. Holly bushes lined one side of the sidewalk, full of red berries, and I suddenly noticed that the bushes were undulating, filled with birds the likes of which I’d never seen.

I’d grown up in Berkley, a suburb of Detroit, where I was familiar with Northern Cardinals, Blue Jays, Robins, Crows, Grackles, Starlings and English Sparrows. That was my experience of birds until I went to college.

The buff-colored birds I saw in the bushes wore striking black masks, cardinal-like crests, and it looked like their wingtips had been dipped in red wax and their tail feathers in yellow wax. Already less than three feet away from some of the birds, I moved slowly towards the bushes until I was practically nose to beak with a couple of them. They stopped their eating frenzy for a moment and eyed me cautiously. We all looked at one another and they returned to gulping down berries, satisfied that I posed little threat.

I don’t remember how long I stood there watching them, mesmerized, but eventually the entire flock burst out of the bushes and flew off into the trees and I resumed my trek, amazed at the experience.

Nature walks with biologist friends introduced me to more species and I discovered that I was surrounded by birds previously unknown to me, but accessible with a pair of binoculars and a practiced eye and ear.

Scholarship Awards: Our chapter’s mission is *Protection of the environment through education, appreciation, and conservation*. Of these three, education is key. When people aren’t aware of the wildlife that lives in their neighborhoods and nearby wilderness areas, let alone in far-flung places, there is no appreciation and no will to conserve and protect vital environmental resources.

That is one reason the chapter has been keen to fund the Audubon Adventure Kits that are distributed to teachers requesting them every year. This year we’re taking our commitment to education a step further. I’m pleased to announce that AAS is funding three scholarships for birding workshops this summer, one teenager and two adults.

This June, we will be sending an area teen to Camp Talon in Georgia for five days of wilderness and birding experiences. Jim Cox will be working with local schools soon to determine the recipient.

In July, we will be sending two AAS members to Audubon’s Hog Island Camp in Maine. Sisters Carol Franchi and Pat Press will attend “Sharing Nature: An Educator’s Week,” with National Audubon and AAS paying the registration and Pat and Carol paying their transportation. These ladies recently retired as teachers and joined our Education Committee last year. They are incredibly excited about this incredible learning opportunity and look forward to bringing back lots of ideas for the chapter’s education outreach.

I hope this might be something we’ll continue to do with area teachers in future years. Greater involvement with our educators can only benefit our chapter and our mission, as well as our community.

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**Conservation of Belize's Yellow-headed Parrot
with Michael Keys**

Michael Keys builds housing for endangered species. For the past 15 years, most of his time has been spent excavating cavities for imperiled Red-cockaded Woodpeckers in Florida and other southeastern states. Keys is known as the Michelangelo of woodpecker cavities because of his attention to detail and many years of experience wielding a chainsaw while perched on a ladder 30' above the ground.

Last year, he turned his talented eye toward a new conservation issue in Belize. One of four subspecies of Yellow-headed Parrots is found in Belize and primarily nests in pine savannahs on conservation lands between the Maya Mountains and Caribbean Sea. These parrots' cavities are under threat from poaching. Working with local conservation crews, Keys spent two weeks building artificial cavities to help augment the population. Come hear about the results of this compelling conservation story.



*Photographs
courtesy of
Michael Keys*

BIRDATHON IS COMING!

By Jim Cox

Audubon members will hit the road in mid-April for the annual Birdathon fundraiser. Birdathon 2013 will be organized by Jim Cox and include a host of other AAS members. One goal this year is to raise the funds needed to sponsor a local middle-school student in a fantastic summer birding program known as Camp Talon. This camp is a week-long birding adventure in coastal Georgia where middle-school students experience tons of birding excitement and very little indoor fatigue. The group leaders have over 20 years of birding experience, and the itinerary includes visits to Little St. Simons Island, Blackbeard Island, Sapelo Island, Harris Neck NWR, Jekyll Island, Altamaha WMA, and St. Simons Island. The program immerses young birders in a world of like-minded souls and provides stories and bonds that last a lifetime. A second goal for this year is to raise the funds needed to send two local educators to the Hog Island Audubon Camp, <http://hogisland.audubon.org/> in Maine this summer for a special program geared toward environmental education. The duo will learn practical approaches for adding inspiration to their environmental education curriculum. The program provides approaches, methods, and activities for engaging both children and adults with nature.

To make a contribution to these important programs, contact Jim Cox at necox@embarqmail.com

Wildlife-Friendly Yards Tour

“Thank You!”

By Pam Flynn

It's a wrap for the 2013 Wildlife-Friendly Yards Tour! The weather was a little questionable in the morning but it was just rainy enough to make the birds very happy when the sun came out just before lunch. Our five yards were absolutely beautiful. We ended up with a record 242 tickets sold with the closest year in the past being over a hundred tickets less sold. A very special “Thank You!” to everyone for your support of this event!

Our sincere thanks goes out to the *Tallahassee Democrat* for going above and beyond with the article they did this year covering our event. It made all the difference. It's not easy to get the word out for a fairly small event like this. For local events, our precious paper is the way to go! Please support the *Democrat*.

More thanks to Native Nurseries and Wild Birds Unlimited for, again this year, being our ticket outlets. And, thanks to our volunteers. Without them, this event would not happen. And on that note, WE NEED MORE! If you would be willing to volunteer just 2 hours during the tour at one of the homes to help greet people, you will then have four more hours to do the tour for free. We need you! At two hours a piece, we only need 15-18 people. You don't have to be an expert gardener or birder. This task is just to manage and greet people. If you are interested in helping us out, please contact Ann Bruce at annbruce7@gmail.com. You can contact her now and get on the list. She will contact you next year to remind you. And last, a very warm thank you to our yard hosts. We have been so lucky to have hosts every year that open their homes so graciously and spend the day greeting, educating and sharing the secrets that make their yards so special. Our 2013 hosts were Pam Shank and Karen Pritzl, Gary and Peg Griffin, Joanne Harrington, Maureen and Alan Peters, Susan Lorch and our 2013 volunteers were Jan Bordelon, Tammy Brown, Elsie Burton, Kathleen Carr, Judy Goldman, Helen King, Fran Rutkovsky, Pat Teaf, Mike Tucker and Karen Wensing.

If you have a wildlife friendly yard that you would like to share or know a friend that needs to be talked into sharing theirs, please send name, address, phone and/or email to me at tallypfly57@yahoo.com. (Editor's note: Please see page 7 and <http://atbome.audubon.org/> for landscaping tips.)

Mark your calendars for the 2014 Wildlife-Friendly Yards Tour - Feb 15th



Photos by Fran Rutkovsky



Photos Left and Center by Fran Rutkovsky – Pine Warbler Photo on Right by Glenda Simmons

A Not so Swift Night Out

By Jeff Hugo

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They were supposed to have been here for weeks already. The hundreds of acrobatic cigar-shaped birds that twitter incessantly as they circle the Wakulla Springs Lodge usually appear to conduct their aerial dance by mid-August. But no one could actually remember having seen them. And they had not made their presence known by Thursday, September 6 — just two days before the **Swift Night Out** scheduled for Saturday, September 8.

It is on this Saturday night that all across the nation people stand at the base of chimneys into which these birds descend to roost. They count them as they enter. Sometimes their numbers surpass 1500, but most often they are in the neighborhood of 300-800 birds strong.

The birds are gathering in flocks and preparing for the great migration to the wintering grounds of South America. During the day they spread out, capture and devour as many as 1000 insects each. Moths, flies, beetles, mosquitoes, and almost any insect on wing can work its way into the fat layer each little bird is working to build for the long trip.

At the end of an active day of feeding the birds gather to circle their roost. They have done this at Wakulla Springs for as long as anyone can remember. But not this year.



Chimney Swifts in 2011 at Wakulla Springs Lodge

Photo by Nick Baldwin

I came to check out the annual phenomena on Thursday evening about 8:00 pm prior to the event on Saturday. I didn't see any swifts. Could they have already made their descent into the chimney?

I found two savvy Lodge guests standing in the parking lot looking skyward. I knew that they were looking for swifts. So I went over to them to check to see if they had spotted any. They had been out there looking since 7:00 pm and all they had seen were a few bats — no twittering swifts.

I checked with staff the next day to see if anyone had seen any swifts over the past month. Everyone I asked hadn't noticed them. It was going to be a party without the guests of honor. I printed out notices and sent emails warning that the guests of honor might not show. But the event would go on. The data (such as it was) would be collected.

The weather on Saturday was not what the Chamber of Commerce would advertise. It was on and off rain with plenty of mist in between. Patty Wilbur and I sat in the lodge waiting to greet the attendees. We were happy to see six people show up.

We were ready with our activity journals, video of the swifts descending into the chimney, and our bubbly personalities. Our audience was very gracious and we had fun together learning and talking about the swifts.

We stood out in the rain under umbrellas for the official count from about 8:00-8:10 pm. No swifts showed.

We came back into the lodge and watched a video of what happened last year. Then we involved everyone in an activity designed to role-play Chimney Swift life. We laughed. We learned. Participants signed up to be notified if the swifts returned. We ended with smiles and the hope that 2013 would be a better year for the Chimney Swifts at Wakulla Springs State Park. Sadly, we will need to wait until April, 2013 for the dramatic answer to our cliffhanger: Will the Chimney Swifts return to Wakulla Springs?



Why Garden With Native Plants?

By Eleanor Dietrich

My gardening life changed in May 2009, when I heard Doug Tallamy speak on National Public Radio's **Science Friday** while I was traveling to visit a friend. His message, "Bringing Nature Home", was pretty easy to understand – native insects don't feed on non-native plants. Native plants have been eliminated from over 90% of the land in the lower 48 states, and that includes our gardens. As a consequence the food web has been seriously damaged. There are fewer song birds. And we are dependent on the food web, too. The good news is, we can each do something about that by including native plants in our gardens. Small efforts by many people add up to serious change.

When I got home I looked around my garden, wondering what I might do. Then I saw a section of land that had never been gardened, and it was totally covered with non-native plants. So that is where I began. Taking out all the exotic invasive plants left the ground essentially barren. But by the next spring, I began to see native plants coming back naturally. One of the first native plants to come back on its own, in good number I might add, was the native yellow passion flower vine, host plant to the Gulf Fritillary and Zebra Longwing butterflies. I was thrilled!

We all have to relearn our gardening if we want to be part of nature's support system. We don't have to totally change our yards, we just have to begin. An easy place is with less lawn. An easy way is to gradually replace some non-native plants with beautiful native plants. An easy place to start is to learn which plants are invasive exotics that escape from our gardens and take over existing wild areas.

Help is available. The major nurseries in Tallahassee now carry native plants and can help you with your choices. There are some wonderful books about gardening with native plants, including those by our own Gil Nelson. The local Magnolia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society participates in many nature events with native plant sales and advice. Special plant sales, such as at Birdsong Nature Center, www.birdsongnaturecenter.org, on March 16th are emphasizing the use of native plants. (Please don't dig them from the wild; their special habitat conditions are hard to replicate so you end up destroying the very thing you are trying to save.)

Here are a few starter ideas I have tried. If you have a deck or outdoor patio, consider putting some native plants in pots. Lanceleaf Coreopsis loves the sun, and blooms from spring through fall. Make a little hummingbird garden with red native plants like Columbine, Scarlet Sage, Royal Catchfly, Indian Pink, and Coral Honeysuckle. Make an evergreen privacy hedge with Shiny Blueberry, Florida Anise, and Leucothoe. Once you get going, continuing is easier; it is fun and rewarding. To see some good native plants for your garden, go to <http://www.flickr.com/photos/wildflowersflorida/sets/72157631949520612/>

Some good books to get started with are *Best Native Plants for Southern Gardens* by Gil Nelson, *Native Plant Landscaping for Florida Wildlife* by Craig Huegel, *Native Wildflowers and Other Ground Covers for Florida Landscapes* by Craig Huegel, and *Bringing Nature Home* by Doug Tallamy (www.plantanative.com).

Eleanor Dietrich is a longtime member and Past President of the Magnolia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, FNPS, www.magnolia.fnpschapters.org.



Photos from top: **Chipola Coreopsis, Woodland Phlox, and Hummingbird Garden** Photos by Eleanor Dietrich



AAS Activities and Fieldtrips

Least Tern Island Party March 2nd - 10 am to Noon

Can you believe it's already been a year since we created an island paradise on Lake Piney Z for the least tern? Time certainly flies and we hope the terns will fly our way and feel welcome enough to visit the island and feel a little more romantic this year. We plan to have a short workday to do a little island spruce up. We'll rake the sand, pull some weeds, and sprinkle shells (you gathered some from your last beach trip right?).

Michael Hill and Liz Sparks from the FL Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will transport volunteers and tools over to the island on a jon boat.

If you have a canoe or kayak, please bring it! After the island party work is complete, FWC biologist Michael Hill will be our guide on a short paddling tour of Lake Lafayette. He'll give a behind the weeds look at how the area is managed to balance the needs of wildlife and the people who recreate at the lake.

You will need to bring:

- Work gloves, rake, shovel,
- Long sleeved shirt, pants, closed toe shoes, hat
- Sunscreen
- Reusable water bottle (there will be a water cooler onsite)
- Picnic lunch
- Binoculars
- Canoe or kayak with life jackets and whistles attached
- Camera in a dry bag or zip-lock bag if you want to take some photos from your boat

Directions: Travel east on *Apalachee Parkway* from intersection of *Capital Circle* to *Doyle Conner Blvd.* Turn left and continue to *Heritage Park Blvd.* Turn right and drive through *Piney Z Plantation*, the road ends at the park. From the parking lot, follow the path to the canoe launch where we will shuttle you to the island.

A Fieldtrip to J. Lee Vause County Park, Lake Jackson Mounds Archaeological State Park and Martha Wellman County Park March 9th at 8:30 am

Trip Leader: Mike Tucker, 850-545-3489, tuckems@hotmail.com

Join the Apalachee Audubon Society on Saturday, March 9th for a tour of the little known parks of Leon County. Trip Leader Mike Tucker will lead us on some short, easy hikes at J. Lee Vause Park, Lake Jackson Mounds Archaeological State Park and Martha Wellman County Park. We will meet at J. Lee Vause

County Park at 6024 Old Bainbridge Road and carpool to Lake Jackson Mounds Archaeological State Park and then Martha Wellman County Park taking short hikes at each location and doing a little birding on the way. Bring binoculars, bug spray, snacks. *If you have any questions, please email us at apalacheefieldtrips@gmail.com There's no need to register and no limit on how many folks can join the field trip.*

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A Workday
John David Patton Park in Carrabelle, Franklin County
April 6th from 9 am

Volunteers are needed to help spruce up the park's native plant areas and walking trails. The park is home to a population of Gopher Tortoises, and many species of resident and migratory songbirds, including Great Crested Flycatcher, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Yellow-billed Cuckoo and Common Yellowthroat, have been documented here. Prothonotary Warblers occur in the park's wetlands.

This park relies heavily on volunteers for maintenance, so please show your support and bring gloves and your favorite tools like loppers, hand pruners, etc. We'll work with volunteer park manager Lesley Cox from 9 AM until 2 - 3 pm and we'll take time to explore the park. If there's enough interest, perhaps we can even climb the Crooked River Lighthouse on the west side of Carrabelle. Bring a sack lunch; water and ice will be provided.

To sign up as a volunteer, send an email to apalacheefieldtrips@gmail.com

The park's address is 1606 County Road 67, Carrabelle, 32322. *Please note that many maps like MapQuest and Google Earth do not show the correct location.* From Tallahassee, take US 98 west into Carrabelle. Turn right (north) at CR 67 just past the Chevron gas station. There are road signs for the Franklin Correctional Institute and Apalachicola National Forest, and there's a pink building on the corner. Another landmark for the turn is a two-story brick building directly across from the pink building. Drive by the Carrabelle Post Office and Gander's Hardware immediately after turning on CR 67. The park is located 2.0 miles north of the intersection with US 98, on the east side of the road. Turn right at the Patton Park sign, and follow the dirt road to the parking area.

St. Marks NWR - "A Pledge to Fledge"
April 27th - 9 am to Noon

Trip Leader: Andy Wraithmell

Bring a friend or family member out to explore the fabulous world of birding! The field trip will include birding at the lakes and a visit of the iconic lighthouse. Kids are welcome. *More information coming soon.*



Wakulla Wildlife Festival

Saturday, April 20th

10 am - 4 pm for Festival Grounds & 10 am - 10 pm for Lodge Events

Please join the Apalachee Audubon Society at the annual Wakulla Wildlife Festival. In addition to the many exhibitors, musical guests and tours there will be programs on bird banding with our own Jim Cox, butterflies, reptiles, owls and other birds of prey as well as living history demonstrators.

If you would like to volunteer at the Apalachee Audubon Society booth, please send an email to apalacheefieldtrips@gmail.com

We will be joining a great list of other local wildlife and conservation groups from our region. Fine art, music, living history demonstrations, informative presenters and exhibitors, dynamic educational shows and guided tours will help connect participants with the natural and cultural heritage of the region. A \$6.00 per vehicle donation to the Friends of Wakulla Springs will be welcomed at the entrance station. Guided tours and tickets for the dinner/dance featuring the Tallahassee Swing Band are available at an additional cost; advance registration is highly recommended since tours often fill to capacity well in advance of the festival.

For more information, visit the festival website at www.WakullaWildlifeFestival.org or call (850) 561-7286.

Wakulla Springs State Park - 465 Wakulla Park Drive - Wakulla Springs, Florida

Enjoy these Great Events with Our Friends

FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY, MAGNOLIA CHAPTER

Thursday, March 7th at 7 pm

FSU Campus in the King Life Sciences Building, Room 1024



Visit State Road 65 in the Spring

Eleanor Dietrich with Special Guest, Dr. Loran Anderson

This program will discuss the biological importance of SR 65 and partnership efforts to protect one of Florida's premier wildflower destinations in the State. More information at www.magnolia.fnpschapters.org



Photo by Fran Rutkowsky

Birdsong's Old-Timey Plant Sale

Saturday, March 16th from 9 am - 1 pm

Birdsong Nature Center's 6th annual Old-Timey Plant Sale will be held Saturday, March 16, from 9 am to 1 pm at Birdsong Nature Center. All proceeds from the sale will go to Birdsong.

Hundreds of native plants, (including native azaleas) wildflowers, perennials, roses, shrubs and trees will be available for purchase, with profits going to benefit the nature center. Many of the plants are donated

"pass-along" plants that have been shared by friends and families for years. You will enjoy reading the interesting stories that accompany these "old-timey" plants. There will also be herbs and tomato plants for sale.

Lunch will be available for purchase the day of the sale. Bring along your own wagon for carrying plants, if you have one. If you don't have a wagon, come anyway. Cash or checks only, please.

Birdsong is located on Meridian Road north, 4 miles past the FL/GA line (marked by a blue Grady County sign). Watch for a small sign that reads "Birdsong."

A list of some of the great plants that will be for sale plus information about Birdsong Nature Center will be available at www.birdsongnaturecenter.org

Birdsong Nature Center Invites You to Share

A MORNING IN THE WOODS WITH MARVIN

Saturday, March 30th from 8 am – 11 am

Springtime at Birdsong Nature Center is a great time to go birding! Join expert birder and Birdsong Board member Marvin Collins for a long, leisurely discovery hike through a variety of excellent bird habitats. If birds are here, Marvin will find them, especially those elusive sparrows and warblers!



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1661 Centerville Rd., Tallahassee, FL
850-386-8882 www.nativenurseries.com



The hike will wrap up with a visit to the Bird Window, which is typically a very busy place in the springtime. Dress for the weather and for a long walk in the woods. Bring binoculars and field guides. RESERVATIONS PLEASE. Call by noon on Friday, March 29th, (229)377-4408 or 1(800)953-2473.

\$4 Friends of Birdsong & Audubon members, \$8 nonmembers, children half-price. For more information and directions, see www.birdsongnaturecenter.org