

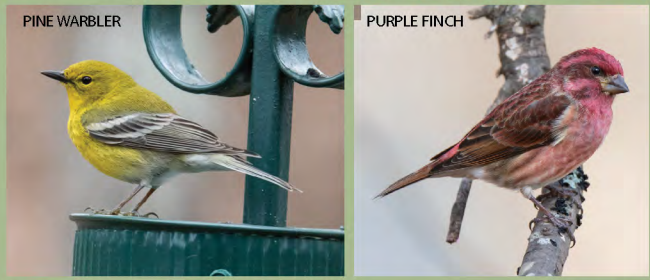
NORTHERN CARDINAL

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER



RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD

EASTERN TOWHEE



PINE WARBLER

PURPLE FINCH



CEDAR WAXWING

EASTERN BLUEBIRD



RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD

Bird photos by Scott Estes Photography

BIRDING

ALDRIDGE GARDENS

NATURE AND ART IN BALANCE

AN ALABAMA BIRDING TRAIL SITE

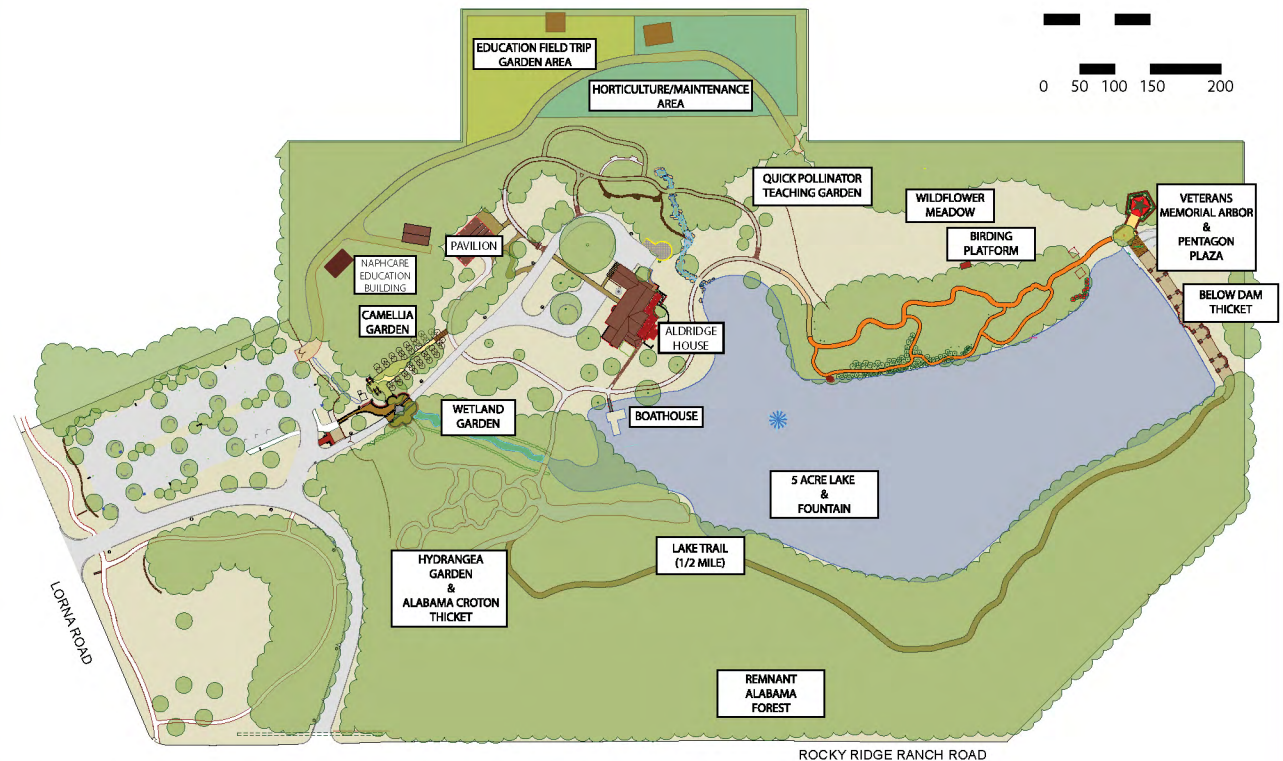
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Aldridge Gardens is a beautiful 30 acre haven with a 5 acre lake located in the heart of Hoover. It contains the three essential ingredients to support a thriving bird population: food, water and secure areas for nesting and raising young. Berry producing trees, dense thickets, grassy meadows, mixed pine and deciduous forests, spacious lawns and aquatic features all create multiple habitats that support a diverse bird population. The Gardens' map (above) identifies specific habitats for good birding opportunities and allows one to enjoy self-guided bird walks.

There have been over 100 species identified in the Gardens and the number continues to grow. On the reverse side is a checklist of the birds identified with a legend indicating the seasons they are present and whether they nest here or are transient migrants.

The phenomenon of bird migration occurs primarily of two reasons: to ensure adequate food resources and reproduction. This activity is generally stimulated by seasonal climate change and day length. For long migration routes, accessible stopovers to forage for food and needed rest are essential to birds continuing on to their specific destination. As an oasis in a desert of asphalt and rooftops, Aldridge Gardens is a perfect spot for migrating birds to rest and refuel. Stopovers generally last only for a few days, but we are rewarded with the opportunity to observe birds seen only during their Spring and Fall migrations.

