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**RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER CONSERVATION ON  
PRIVATE LANDS IN SOUTHWEST GEORGIA**

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**Abstract:** Tall Timbers Research Station strives to conserve and manage Red-cockaded Woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*) on the biologically rich private lands in southwest Georgia. With generous support from the *Bill Terrell Avian Conservation Grant*, Tall Timbers was able to hire part-time help in 2008-2009 to assist with woodpecker conservation. Accomplishments made possible by this funding included: (1) Completion of 5 new *Safe Harbor Agreements* that conserved/enhanced woodpecker habitat on 14,545 acres (regional total increased to 111,120 acres); (2) Sixty-four nestling woodpeckers banded and 8 juvenile woodpeckers translocated to help bolster nascent populations at Beechwood Plantation and Tall Timbers Research Station; (3) Sixty-three artificial cavities constructed on 7 properties that led to the establishment of 4 new territories; (4) Site visits made to 15 properties to discuss timber management and to mark and geo-reference 35 new natural cavity trees, clear fuels surrounding 76 cavity trees, and place highly visible aluminum bands around 42 cavity trees to limit chances for inadvertent damage; and (5) Promoted the ecological and economic values of the longleaf pine ecosystem through 4 presentations and 3 special events. Support provided by the Georgia Ornithological Society was critical to sustaining these efforts and is gratefully acknowledged.