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Long bio: Lydia C. Thompson

Whether Lydia is talking about birds, banding, or drawing birds her major focus is to intertwine her bird studies and her art. Lydia earned her Bachelors from Mississippi State University. After College she worked in advertising for 7 years as a designer: of signs, point of purchase displays, newspaper and magazine advertising. While working she found an etching studio and started learning more about her chosen medium. Realizing that that advertising was not for her she took a year to travel and learn about bird and drawing. She traveling for over 38,000 miles and identified 560 species of birds in her first year of travel and study. She settled in the Golden Isles of Coastal Georgia. She worked for twelve years as a printmaker of the fine art intaglio prints. She worked with over 10 professional artists. She has earned her title of "Master Printer".

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- Have done illustrations for American Birds, Birding, Bird Watchers Digest and Breeding Birds of Napa County, California.
- Have written and illustrated the book, Birdfinding in the Golden Isles (1998), in the process of a new expanded edition to be released in 2004.
- Have written birding articles for The Jekyll Islander, Jekyll's biweekly newspaper since 1999.
- Have exhibited my art my art at the biannual Midwest Birding Symposium 1999 in Ohio and 2001 in Wisconsin
- Have exhibited my art and received several awards at the Art in the Park in Darien, Ga. 1988,1989, beginning again in 2000 to present won Best in Show 2004
- Have exhibited my art at the Space Coast Birding Festival in Titusville 2000 -2003
- Have exhibited my art at The Bird show in Cape May, NJ 2000 and 2001
- Have exhibited my art and received awards (2000-2001) at Blue Ridge Wildlife Art Show 2000 -2002
- Have exhibited in a show called "Making a Good Impression" with two other printmakers 2003
- Have exhibited my art at Goodyear Cottage in a show call the "Wild art of Birds" 2003
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