

Bioacoustic Program Launched In Northwest Georgia

A joint program sponsored by Stan Bouckaert from Kingston Downs and Chad Hagan from the Hagan Family Foundation

ATLANTA, GEORGIA, USA, June 1, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In northwest Georgia, destination location <u>Kingston Downs</u> has implemented a multiyear bioacoustic program in conjunction with the Hagan Family Foundation.

What is bioacoustics? Bioacoustics is the recording of sounds in the wild for research. Audio recorders are better than cameras because they can record species over larger areas. The recorded audio is collected each month and processed by a special software. Algorithms analyze hundreds of hours of audio recordings to identify specific species.

At Kingston Downs, the recorders have been placed throughout the 5,000 acre property, in different ecosystems (fields, forests, and water sources). There is a special focus on birds - both local and migratory - but the program is designed to record any and all wild sounds.

The practice is cutting-edge and gaining in popularity. A mixture of technology and scientific preservation,



Program Announcement



SwiftOne Bioacoustic Recorder

researchers are increasingly using bioacoustics to monitor birds, insects, frogs, and other animals. Bioacoustics is considered an important remotesensing tool for conservation, and bioacoustic techniques have been celebrated as a non-destructive method for estimating biodiversity.

For more information visit Kingston Downs, and the Hagan Family Foundation's nature website, <u>HFF</u> Nature Trust.

About Kingston Downs:

Kingston Downs is a 5,000-acre farm on the Etowah River with an abundant natural habitat; nature trails; mountain biking and glamping. Situated in the foothills of the Appalachian mountains among the sweeping oak-studded



hillsides, Kingston Downs is home to a diversity of wildlife including animals, birds, insects, trees, bees, wildflowers, rivers, and much more. Our philosophy is to coexist with nature, regenerating the health of its ecosystems and offering an opportunity to slow down and reconnect with the outdoors.

About Hagan Family Foundation:

Hagan Family Foundation is a private foundation founded by entrepreneur and philanthropist Robert W. Hagan. The foundation supports a variety of causes and initiatives including community well-being, public arts and environmental conservation. HFF Nature Trust and Hagan Arts Trust are two foundation initiatives created and chaired by Robert's son, Chadwick Hagan

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