

"DING" DARLING 2023-2024 WISHLIST

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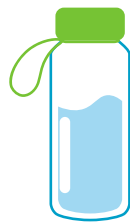
Membership donations and annual gifts are essential for the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society to continue its support of conservation and education efforts at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Below are just a few unique giving opportunities to enhance the impact of support at the Refuge. To see the scope of the Society's impact and for more ideas and opportunities for giving, please contact Birgie Miller Gresham at 239-292-0566 or visit dingdarlingsociety.org.

All gifts are tax deductible.



Honor or Memorial Gift: Any Amount

A gift in honor or memory of a loved one to the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society is a wonderful way to pay tribute to those special in your life. Send a general gift or designate it to a specific need. Gifts of all levels are appreciated, and the honoree will be notified (without the amount) of your thoughtfulness. For a gift of \$5,000 or more the honoree can be listed on our donor wall. For gifts of \$10,000 or more, a permanently endowed fund can be established to honor your loved one into perpetuity.



Reusable Water Bottles & Bamboo Toothbrushes (Wildlife on Wheels): \$3.20/student or \$32,000 to help a total of 10,000 students

WoW mobile classroom visits schools and communities to bring the mission of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and lessons of conservation off-island to areas with little access to the Refuge. The WoW team uses interpretive exhibits to teach about the dangers single-use plastics and microplastics cause wildlife, the environment, water quality, and humans. To instill the importance of protecting our natural world, WoW gives all the students reusable water bottles and bamboo toothbrushes as a reminder of the negative effects of plastic. They also offer incentives, such as contests, prizes, and more, to encourage students and members of the wider community participating in WoW activities to create long-term, sustainable habits, like using their new reusable water bottles and eco-friendly bamboo toothbrushes.



Support Housing Costs for Six "Ding" Darling Interns: \$825 for 1 intern/month or \$4,955 for 6 interns/month

To offset shortages in federal budgets and Refuge staffing, the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society supports six to ten interns each year. The internship program provides students and recent college graduates an opportunity to learn hands-on about the environment and Refuge operations, creating young conservation stewards of the future. Interns are hired in the departments of Education, Visitor Services, Development & Communications, Wildlife on Wheels, and, at times, Biology. Unfortunately, the onsite intern housing was lost during Hurricane Ian, however, DDWS secured offsite housing to continue the program and support to the limited Refuge staff. Support housing for an intern or all six interns per month.



Enhance a Pocket Refuge at a Local School: \$5,000 per Pocket Refuge

Getting students' hands dirty while planting native plants to attract pollinators is all part of the work of the "Pocket Refuges." The students work with the teachers, "Ding" Darling team, and others in creating a sense of "ownership" in these little refuges where they help do the work. Your support will go to enhance Pocket Refuges with items such as benches, soil, plants, bird houses, tables to hold classes outside, water sources, and other supplies that help Pocket Refuges make even more of an impact for the students.



"Ding" Darling Annual Lecture Sponsorship: \$5,000 each (can be split between five individuals)

The "Ding" Darling Lecture Series continues with an impressive lineup for the 2024 season. Big names such as Richard Crossley and James Currie star in this year's series. Show your support for the Refuge by helping us provide this free educational experience for all. Lecture sponsorships can range from a \$1,000 partial lecture sponsorship to a full lecture sponsorship of \$5,000.

