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Caption: Dr. Stephen Kress with a puffin in Maine.

Puffin activist Stephen Kress to make dinner appearance at ‘Ding’

Noted bird activist Dr. Stephen W. Kress makes an appearance at J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Feb. 22 for a catered dinner in his honor. He will speak about his work restoring tern and puffin populations in Maine and his latest book, *Puffin Project: An Improbable Quest to Bring a Beloved Sea Bird Back to Egg Rock*.

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) hosts the exclusive Dinner with Stephen Kress starting at 5:30 p.m. Only 75 tickets are available at \$100 each. All proceeds from the event benefit research and education at “Ding” Darling.

Dr. Kress began Project Puffin in 1973 and remains its director. He also manages National Audubon's Maine Coastal Island Sanctuaries and directs the National Audubon Society's Seabird Restoration Program and the Audubon Camp on Maine's Hog Island. As a laboratory associate at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology in Ithaca, N.Y., Dr. Kress teaches an annual birding course called Spring Field Ornithology.

To register for Dinner with Stephen Kress, visit tinyurl.com/kressatding or contact Sarah Lathrop at 239-472-1100 ext. 4 or sarah@dingdarlingsociety.org to purchase tickets.

ABOUT DDWS

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge's mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds.

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