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Caption

‘Ding’ Darling film series to air *Saving Sea Turtles*

The seventh annual “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series continues its bi-weekly showings on Feb. 20 *Saving Sea Turtles: Preventing Extinction* at 1 p.m. in the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge Visitor & Education Center on Sanibel Island.

Narrated by renowned scientist Dr. Sylvia Earle, this feature-length independent documentary tells the larger natural history of the world's rarest sea turtle, the Kemp's ridley, and how humans pushed a healthy population to the precipice of extinction and are now slowly helping it to recover.

Winner of the Green Spark Award at the American Conservation Film Festival in 2017, *Saving Sea Turtles* tells the inspiring story of devoted people from New England to Mexico, whose collaborative work is helping to save the ancient species from going extinct.

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosts the free film showings with sponsorship from Sanibel-Captiva Beach Resorts. Seating is limited and on a first-come basis.

Below are the season’s remaining scheduled films. All films begin at 1 p.m. A short discussion will follow each film to allow visitors to gain more from their documentary-viewing experience by listening to other people's points of view and analyzing what they just watched. For full descriptions of the films, please visit dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series.

Feb. 20 - *Saving Sea Turtles: Preventing Extinction*

March 6 - *JANE*

March 20 - *Invasion of the Giant Pythons*

April 3 - *Saving Atlantis*

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 profits.

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