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Caption

### **‘Ding’ Darling film series kicks off with *RiverBlue***

The seventh annual “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series kicks off its bi-weekly showings on Jan. 9 with the documentary *RiverBlue* at 1 p.m. in the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge Visitor & Education Center on Sanibel Island.

Narrated by actor, director, and clean water activist Jason Priestley, *RiverBlue* dives into one of the world’s most polluting industries: fashion. It examines the destruction of our rivers, the pollution’s effect on humanity, and solutions for a sustainable future.

The film, which has been an official selection of a number of film festivals across North America, including CineEco 2017 and the San Diego International Film Festival 2017, follows international river conservationist Mark Angelo as he spans the globe to infiltrate the fashion industry and effect change.

“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 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](http://dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series).

Jan. 9 - *RiverBlue*

Jan. 23 - *Untold Stories: Sanibel I*

Feb. 6 - *A Plastic Ocean*

Feb. 20 - *Saving Sea Turtles*

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.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [dingdarlingsociety.org](http://dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Miller at 239-472-1100 ext. 4, or [dingdarlingsociety@gmail.com](mailto:dingdarlingsociety@gmail.com).

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