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Caption

Pythons in the Everglades topic of ‘Ding’ Darling film series showing

The seventh annual “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series continues its bi-weekly showings on March 20 with *Invasion of the Giant Pythons* at 1 p.m. in the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge Visitor & Education Center on Sanibel Island.

Florida’s Everglades is home to several unique and endangered species. However, the region has become a popular dumping ground and haven for nonnative Burmese pythons that are decimating native wildlife. Follow scientists and snake hunters as they study the problem and try to find solutions to the growing crisis.

The 53-minute PBS Nature series film will be aired in conjunction with two March 22 lecture series presentations at the refuge featuring snake hunters Dusty Crum and Geoff and Robbie Roepstorff, along with Michael Kirkland, python program manager for the South Florida Water Management District.

“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.

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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