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Caption:

Documentary *BLUE* takes on sea life decimation at ‘Ding’ film showing

Winner of the Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts’ award for best cinematography in a documentary, *BLUE* delves into the ocean realm at a critical moment in time for marine life. The eighth annual “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series continues its biweekly showings on Feb. 19 with a free airing of the documentary at 1 p.m. in the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge Visitor & Education Center on Sanibel Island.

The 76-minute documentary dissects the impact of industrial scale fishing, habitat destruction, species loss and pollution on the future of sea life on the brink of mass destruction.

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

Below is the full schedule of the remaining season’s airings. All films begin at 1 p.m. A short discussion follows 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, visit dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series.

Feb. 19: *BLUE*

March 4: *Ghost Bird*

March 18: *The Swamp*

April 1: *Bird of Prey*

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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