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‘Ding’ film investigates fate of horseshoe crabs, birds that feed on their eggs

The documentary film “Crash: The Tale of Two Species” continues the fourth annual “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series on March 16, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center auditorium.

Each year the red knot, a small shorebird, embarks on a 10,000 mile journey that coincides in the Delaware Bay with the annual spawning of the horseshoe crab. The crab eggs fuel the birds for one of the largest migrations on earth, but crab populations are in decline due to harvesting for fishing bait and their medicinal blood. Consequently, the birds are in danger of extinction.

This 55-minute PBS documentary studies the interconnectedness of species, the over-harvesting of one of earth’s oldest creatures dating back 350 million years, and the far-reaching domino effect.

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

Below are the season’s remaining scheduled films. All showings begin at 2:30 p.m. For full descriptions of the films, please visit dingdarlingsociety.org/films.

March 16: *Crash: The Tale of Two Species*

March 30: *The End of the Line: Where Have All the Fish Gone?*

April 13: *Bag It: Is Your Life Too Plastic?*

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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