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Event Logo

CAPTION: The Eastern screech owl, a local denizen, will be among the star fauna at this year's Go Wild. Photo by William Fischer

### **Save the date Go Wild for 'Ding' – Give a Hoot**

Make plans now to attend the fifth annual fundraiser for the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2017, at the Sanibel Community House. This year's Go Wild for "Ding" – Give a Hoot theme continues a series of bird-themed events to benefit the birds, other wildlife, and conservation and education efforts at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island.

"For this year's theme we showcase the five species of native Florida owls," said Birgie Miller, DDWS executive director. "They include the barn, barred, burrowing, Eastern screech, and great horned owl. Plan on joining us at for tasty dishes from our local restaurants, a unique silent auction, live entertainment, and our always exciting live auction. Jim Sprankle has already promised us an owl feather pin for live auction. The winner becomes a member of the prestigious Sprankle Feather Club, which flocks together once a year for a special event."

"Seating is limited and we once again anticipate a sold-out crowd," said event committee member and DDWS president Doris Hardy. "We encourage people to reserve early."

Event sponsorships are available; for more information, contact Miller at 239.292.0566 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).

Attendance to the Feb. 8 event is by reservation only. Registration opens Nov. 15. Tickets to the Go Wild at "Ding" party are \$125 each. To receive an invitation, call 239-472-1100 ext. 233 or email [sarah@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:sarah@dingdarlingsociety.org). [dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/go-wild-for-ding](http://dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/go-wild-for-ding).

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.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Miller at 239-292-0566 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).

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