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Caption:

Special ‘Ding’ lecture flies worldwide with ospreys

Mark your calendar for Thursday, Dec. 15, to attend a special lecture made possible through a partnership between “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) and the International Osprey Foundation. At 5 p.m. in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center Auditorium on Sanibel Island, ornithologist and author Alan Poole will be presenting a free PowerPoint lecture on his extensive osprey research around the world.

Poole wrote the definitive book on the species in the late 1980s and is at work on an update with a global perspective. He is an associate of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the recently retired editor of the 18-volume Birds of North America.

“My presentation will be a quick tour of the world’s ospreys, with excellent photos from the world’s best photographers of the species in Australia, Scotland, France, Japan, the Red Sea, Finland, the Cape Verdes,” he said. “So I’ll give your audience a chance to learn about ospreys beyond Florida — how they live, how they are different, what their challenges are.”

Poole has spent more than 30 years involved in research on coastal birds, particularly ospreys. Throughout his career, he has been involved in education and the natural sciences, finding creative ways to provide detailed biological information to a wide audience.

Seating for the 5 p.m. lecture is limited and available on a first-come basis. For more information, call 239-472-1100 ext. 4.

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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