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Caption: *Seed: The Untold Story* examines the perils of genetic modification.

### ***Seed: The Untold Story* documentary to explore the future of food at ‘Ding’**

The award-winning documentary film *Seed: The Untold Story* continues the fifth annual “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series on March 29, at 1 p.m. in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center auditorium.

Worshipped and treasured since the dawn of humankind, seeds are becoming one more victim of extinction. In the last century, 94 seed varieties have disappeared.

This documentary follows passionate seed keepers who are protecting a 12,000 year-old food legacy. A cadre of 10 agrichemical companies -- including Syngenta, Bayer, and Monsanto -- controls more than two-thirds of the global seed market, reaping unprecedented profits. Farmers and others battle to defend the future of our food.

Modern media report the impending collapse of the world’s supplies of bananas, oranges, coffee, and coconuts—all because of a shortsighted over-reliance on a single, fragile variety. Without seed diversity, crop diseases rise and empires fall. More than a cautionary tale of “man against nature,” *Seeds* is an epic good-versus-evil saga playing out in our modern lives.

“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 1 p.m. For full descriptions of the films, please visit [dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series](http://dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series).

March 29 – *Seed: The Untold Story*

April 12 - *The Future of Energy*

#### 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 [dingdarlingsociety.org](http://dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Miller at 239-292-0566 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).

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