

## PRESS RELEASE

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Caption:

### ***Wings of Life* documentary explores value of pollinators at ‘Ding’ airing**

The documentary film *Wings of Life* kicks off the sixth annual free “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series on Jan. 10, at 1 p.m. in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center auditorium.

Narrated by Meryl Streep and produced by Disneynature, this intimate and unprecedented look at butterflies, hummingbirds, bees, bats, and flowers celebrates life, which ultimately depends upon these creatures. A third of the world’s food supply rides on the fate of these increasingly threatened species of unsung wildlife heroes.

In a stunning adventure full of intrigue, drama, and mesmerizing beauty, the documentary follows the journey of pollinators, some of whom travel amazing distances to pollinate a specific flower. It asks the difficult question: What would life be like without them?

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosts the free seven-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 scheduled films. All films begin at 1 p.m. except the Jan. 24 film, which airs at 10 a.m. A short discussion will follow 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, please visit [dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series](http://dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series).

Jan. 10 - *Wings of Life*

Jan. 24 - *Tapped*

Feb. 7 - *From the Ashes*

Feb. 21 - *Chasing Coral*

March 7 – *The Forgotten Coast: Return to Wild Florida*

Mach 21 - *Mission Blue*

April 4 - *STRAWS*

#### 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 239-472-1100 ext. 4, or [dingdarlingsociety@gmail.com](mailto:dingdarlingsociety@gmail.com).

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