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Caption wingsoflife: *Wings of Life* celebrates the unsung heroes of our planet - butterflies, hummingbirds, bees, and bats.

Caption Coral: Reef bleaching is the topic of *Chasing Coral*. Image courtesy of The Ocean Agency - XL Catlin Seaview Survey - Richard Vevers & Christophe Bailhache.

‘Ding’ Darling announces 2018 film series lineup

The sixth annual “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series kicks off its bi-weekly showings this winter with a schedule of seven films that explore natural facets from pollinators and coral to wild Florida and the war on coal. It runs Jan. 10 through April 4.

First up, *Wings of Life*, narrated by Meryl Streep and produced by Disney Nature, celebrates the importance of pollinators. One of the season’s highlights, *Chasing Coral*, explores the beauty of coral and its fragility and future in a changing climate.

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosts the free film showings in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center with sponsorship from Sanibel-Captiva Beach Resorts. Seating is 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.

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.

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