



The Big Turtle Year:

Celebrating Wild Turtles Across the United States

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Nationwide Lecture Series (2017-2019)

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Turtles play significant ecological roles, are visible elements in many habitats, and are the most endangered wildlife taxa in the world. Sixty-two turtle species occur in the United States and many are of conservation concern. While species from areas such as Asia, South America, and Madagascar often receive the majority of conservation attention, the plight of species within the U.S. quietly goes unnoticed. The goal of The Big Turtle Year is to increase awareness regarding the status of these often overlooked species and to emphasize their rich diversity, natural history, and conservation needs. Throughout 2017, Florida Turtle Conservation Trust researchers visited numerous sites accompanied by other biologists and conservationists in an effort to see as many species as possible during a single year, while examining threats and conservation actions needed.

8 October 2017 (6:00 pm)	Suncoast Herpetological Society	Clearwater, Florida
21 November 2017 (6:30 pm)	St. Petersburg Audubon Society	St. Petersburg, Florida
9 December 2017 (10:00 am)	Weedon Island Preserve	St. Petersburg, Florida
9 January 2018 (7:30 pm)	Boyd Hill Nature Preserve	St. Petersburg, Florida
13 January 2018 (10:30 am)	Brooker Creek Preserve	Tarpon Springs, Florida
10 February 2018 (7:00 pm)	Tampa Bay Turtle and Tortoise Society	Clearwater, Florida
8 March 2018 (7:00 pm)	Manatee-Sarasota Sierra Club	Sarasota, Florida
4 April 2018 (4:00 pm)	Florida SouthWestern State College	Naples, Florida
5 April 2018 (7:00 pm)	Calusa Herpetological Society	Fort Myers, Florida
7 April 2018	New York Turtle and Tortoise Society Seminar 2018	Yonkers, New York
13 August 2018	Turtle Survival Alliance Annual Conference (Keynote)	Fort Worth, Texas
7 September 2018 (9:10 am)	Southwest Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Annual Meeting (Keynote)	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
26 September 2018 (7:30 pm)	Chicago Herpetological Society	Chicago, Illinois
6 October 2018 (10:00 am)	Duke Farms	Hillsborough, New Jersey
7 October 2018 (1:00 pm)	Friends of Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge	Bernardsville, New Jersey
12 October 2018 (8:00 pm)	Gopher Tortoise Council Annual Meeting	Venus, Florida
13 October 2018 (9:00 am)	Florida Birding and Nature Festival	Brandon, Florida
15 October 2018 (5:30 pm)	University of Tennessee Arboretum Society	Oak Ridge, Tennessee
16 October 2018 (7:00 pm)	Community program sponsored by University of Tennessee Arboretum Society	Harriman, Tennessee
1 November 2018 (7:00 pm)	Tampa Audubon Society	Seffner, Florida
13 November 2018 (5:30 pm)	Phoenix Zoo	Phoenix, Arizona
15 November 2018 (5:15 pm)	Turtle and Tortoise Preservation Group Conference	Mesa, Arizona
5 December 2018 (7:00 pm)	Pelican Harbor Seabird Station	Miami, Florida
12 December 2018 (6:00 pm)	Center for Biological Diversity	St. Petersburg, Florida
8 February 2019 (3:30 pm)	Florida Diamondback Terrapin Working Group	Jacksonville, Florida
12 February 2019 (5:30 pm)	Friends of Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge	Crystal River, Florida
21 February 2019	Desert Tortoise Council Annual Meeting and Symposium	Tucson, Arizona
11 March 2019 (6:00 pm)	Pelican Island Audubon Society	Sebastian, Florida
31 March 2019 (1:30 pm)	Trout Lake Nature Center	Eustis, Florida
11 April 2019 (6:30 pm)	Big Bend Sierra Club	Tallahassee, Florida
26 October 2019 (2:00 pm)	Friends of Pinellas Master Naturalists	Clearwater, Florida

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