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# SCETV digital series "What's Wild" returns for Season 2 with eight new episodes

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – South Carolina ETV's wildlife-focused digital series, *What's Wild*, returns for Season 2 on April 27. The weekly, eight-episode series encourages viewers to explore the beauty of nature, showcasing unique creatures of the Palmetto State, from gopher tortoises to bobcats.

This season, <u>What's Wild</u> continues to take audiences on a journey from the mountains to the sea, uncovering the incredible wildlife and dedicated people who work tirelessly to protect them. From an abandoned railroad tunnel in the Upstate, to the maritime forests of the coast, viewers will discover the unique ecosystems that make South Carolina home to some of the most incredible creatures on earth.

Below is a glimpse into What's Wild Season 2:

- Learn about the misunderstood turkey vulture, their necessary role in ecosystems, and the manmade threats they face, like car strikes. Then, travel to the Center for Birds of Prey where its' bird hotline takes in injured birds for care across the Palmetto State via a network of trained volunteers.
- Discover the vital role of the Palmetto State's 14 bat species in pest control, pollination and seed dispersal. Plus a look at wildlife management's efforts to restore and research the population, including the devastating fungus they face.
- Uncover the fascinating inhabitants of the maritime forest, including the elusive "big cat" the bobcat. Bobcats are key predators of deer, but pesticides have threatened their population. Follow conservationists and government officials on Kiawah Island working to monitor and restore their numbers.

*What's Wild* is produced and edited by an Emmy-nominated producer Charles Dymock. In addition to *What's Wild*, Dymock also produces the digital series, *From the Sky*, where he showcases the beauty of nature and other marvels of the Palmetto State with aerial drone footage.

New episodes of *What's Wild* will be published on <u>SCETV's YouTube channel</u> starting Thursday, April 27 at 11 a.m. In addition to the network's YouTube channel, viewers will also be able to watch *What's Wild* on the SCETV app and on the <u>SCETV website</u>. Viewers are encouraged to use #SCETVDigital on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to engage with SCETV and the creators of the series.

Broadcast versions of the digital series are scheduled to air on ETV-HD later this year. More information and previous episodes of *What's Wild* can be found on the <u>SCETV website</u>.

#### QUOTES

"We're thrilled to include once again What's Wild in our line-up of digital content. This content allows SCETV to continue sharing the opportunities for discovery, creativity, problem-solving and education that nature provides." –SCETV Interim President and CEO Dr. Stephanie Cook

"Our team is excited about the new season of What's Wild. Producer and editor Charles Dymock has done an excellent job exploring even more of South Carolina's rarest wildlife and telling the stories of the people who work to protect them. With conservation issues gaining more significance, this series will continue to educate and enlighten our viewers about the distinct flora and fauna of South Carolina." **–SCETV Director of Digital Ty Moody**  "Making the second season of What's Wild has been an amazing journey for me. I've gone from helping transport injured birds of prey to being on an island with bobcats. It's been a real adventure! South Carolina ETV has provided us with an incredible opportunity to not only showcase the distinct species inhabiting the state but also to spotlight the devoted individuals who are committed to their conservation. I hope this new season helps others think about wildlife conservation in South Carolina in new ways." –*What's Wild* **Producer and Editor Charles Dymock** 

## FAST FACTS

- Season 2 of SCETV's digital series, *What's Wild*, premieres April 27.
- What's Wild is produced by SCETV's Charles Dymock.
- Each of the eight episodes will premiere on <u>SCETV's YouTube channel</u> Thursdays at 11 a.m. starting April 27.
- Viewers are encouraged to use #SCETVDigital on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to engage with SCETV and the creators of this new series.
- Following the YouTube premiere each Thursday, new episodes will be published to the SCETV app and on the <u>SCETV website</u>.

## About South Carolina ETV and Public Radio

South Carolina ETV and Public Radio (SCETV) is the state's public educational broadcasting network. SCETV amplifies South Carolina voices, provides educational experiences and strengthens communities, while working toward creating a stronger, more connected and informed South Carolina. In addition to airing local programs, such as *Carolina Classrooms, Making It Grow,* and *This Week in South Carolina,* SCETV also presents multiple programs to regional and national audiences, including *By The River, After Action, Reconnecting Roots, Reel South, Somewhere South, Yoga in Practice* and *How She Rolls.* In addition, SC Public Radio produces the national radio production, *Chamber Music from Spoleto Festival USA.* 

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