

Suncoast Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Club

Meeting Notice

- Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018
- Where:** Main Room Nokomis Community Center
234 Nippino Trail East, Nokomis, FL 34275
- Agenda:** 6:30 pm Chat and Tasting Table
7:00 pm Introduction and Presentation
8:30 pm Plant Raffle
- Speaker:** Dennis Giardina
Everglades Region Biologist for the Florida Fish
and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Topic:** Exotic Species Control, Endangered Species
Recovery and the Florida Panther

For nearly 30 years Dennis Giardina's career, besides being involved with the Florida panthers, has focused on endangered species recovery and exotic invasive species control, beginning with the US Fish and Wildlife Service at St. Mark, Florida Panther and 10,000 Islands National Wildlife Refuges. He was the park manager of Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park before accepting his current position of Everglades Region Biologist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. He has also worked for the US Forest Service on the Caribbean National Forest and the Apalachicola National Forest. In addition, he has also been the Co-Chair of the Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area and he was the Chair of the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Control Council.