

Bookmark this one for your holiday downtime. [“Big Sugar: Sweet, White, & Deadly”](#) explores the dark history and modern power of the world's reigning sugar cartels. Interviewing Carl Hiaasen, the documentary highlights Big Sugar's political and environmental destruction of the Everglades.

Link to Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHh5odELpi4>

Link to Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIAqt1UiQP4&t=1136s>

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Speaking of sugar, here is a list of [the 5 worst foods for the environment](#) - one of which is a major player in Florida politics (hint, hint).

Link: <https://www.thenationalnews.com/uae/2021/11/07/five-of-the-worst-foods-for-the-environment/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=773f89db-305b-44bd-851a-3299e0f5481a>

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Here's a deep dive from Florida Audubon Society on [wading bird nesting numbers](#) in greater Everglades for 2020.

Link: [https://fl.audubon.org/sites/default/files/sfwbr\\_af\\_2020-final-3.pdf?ms=fl-eng-email-ea-newsletter-engagement%20\(fl\)%20advocate%2011192021&utm\\_source=ea&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=engagement%20\(fl\)%20advocate%2011192021&emci=a57398a9-6449-ec11-9820-c896653b26c8&emdi=e85a0d28-0a4a-ec11-9820-c896653b26c8&ceid=907790](https://fl.audubon.org/sites/default/files/sfwbr_af_2020-final-3.pdf?ms=fl-eng-email-ea-newsletter-engagement%20(fl)%20advocate%2011192021&utm_source=ea&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=engagement%20(fl)%20advocate%2011192021&emci=a57398a9-6449-ec11-9820-c896653b26c8&emdi=e85a0d28-0a4a-ec11-9820-c896653b26c8&ceid=907790)

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Take a look at work being done on the beginning to [restore Apalachicola Bay and its oysters](#).

Link: [https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2021/11/16/final-plan-unveiled-for-restoring-floridas-apalachicola-bay-and-its-oysters?utm\\_campaign=2021-11-16+SFN&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Pew&subscriberkey=00Q7V00001hmH4vUAE](https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2021/11/16/final-plan-unveiled-for-restoring-floridas-apalachicola-bay-and-its-oysters?utm_campaign=2021-11-16+SFN&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Pew&subscriberkey=00Q7V00001hmH4vUAE)

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On a recent episode of my [“Welcome to Florida” podcast](#) I spoke with Jaret Daniels who leads the lepidoptera (butterfly and moth) research efforts at the University of Florida. Daniels' team can be found working at the world's most prestigious lepidoptera research facility in the world, the McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity inside the Florida Museum of Natural History on the UF campus in Gainesville.

We discussed butterfly conservation efforts in Florida and the crucial role native plants play in those efforts.

Link: <https://www.stitcher.com/show/welcome-to-florida/episode/episode-74-butterflies-88346411>

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This year, the Duval County Christmas Bird Count will be held on Sunday, December 26, 2021. It runs from sunrise to sunset and a count of all the wild birds seen will be reported. In general, about 50 volunteers are needed for the day, and the total number of species reported is typically between 150 and 165. CBC leaders are looking for birders with at least a moderate knowledge of our area's wintering birds and the ability to research unknown birds for the count. Contact Duval County count compiler Anne Turner at [sungrebe86@yahoo.com](mailto:sungrebe86@yahoo.com) if you are interested in participating.