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SCETV digital series "What's Wild" returns for season 3 with eight new episodes

COLUMBIA, S.C. – South Carolina ETV's Emmy award- winning wildlife-focused digital series, *What's Wild*, has returned for season 3. The weekly, eight-episode series encourages viewers to explore the beauty of nature, showcasing unique creatures of the Palmetto State, from the Carolina Heelsplitter to Gopher Frogs.

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.

Below is a glimpse into What's Wild season 3:

Episode 301 – Bobcats

Discover the fascinating behaviors and unique adaptations of these secretive felines as they navigate their island home. Learn about the rich biodiversity of South Carolina's barrier islands and the crucial role bobcats play in maintaining the ecological balance.

Episode 302 - Gopher Frogs

Explore the reasons behind the Gopher Frogs' endangered status, focusing on the severe habitat loss that threatens their survival. Learn about the collaborative efforts between Riverbanks Zoo and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources in a multi-step program designed to head start new populations.

Episode 303 – Heelsplitter

Explore the intricate reproductive cycle of the Carolina Heelsplitter and the extraordinary efforts being made to preserve this rare and remarkable creature.

Episode 304 - 4-Toed Salamander

Gain insight into the remarkable lifecycle of amphibians, from egg to adulthood. This episode also highlights ongoing conservation efforts to study and protect the 4-toed salamander, ensuring the survival of this incredible species.

Episode 305 - Caddisfly

Discover the unique larvae stage of this aquatic insect and find out how these underwater architects craft exquisite cases from materials in their environment. Dive into the complete lifecycle of the Caddisfly and its critical role in maintaining healthy freshwater ecosystems.

Episode 306 – Green Anole

Discover the unique behaviors of the Green Anole, including the intriguing use of its dewlap, a colorful throat flap displayed during territorial and mating displays. Despite their common presence, these highly territorial lizards are often misunderstood, especially regarding their ability to change colors.

Episode 307 - Freshwater Fish

Dive into the diverse world of freshwater fish in South Carolina, exploring the vital habitats of rivers, streams and watersheds. Discover the unique and remarkable Bluehead Chub, a fish known for its unusual behavior of building underwater nests.



Episode 308 - Ferns

Discover the world of ferns and the fascinating reproduction methods of these ancient plants that have been on Earth for millions of years. Learn about the unique characteristics that make ferns stand out in the plant kingdom, from their intricate fronds to their spore-based reproduction cycle.

What's Wild is produced and edited by Emmy award-winning producer Charles Dymock. In addition to **What's Wild**, Dymock also produces the SCETV 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* are published on <u>SCETV's YouTube channel</u> every Thursday. 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 SCETV website.

QUOTES

"SCETV Digital is excited about the return of *What's Wild*. Emmy award-winning producer Charles Dymock offers viewers an extraordinary glimpse into South Carolina's rich biodiversity, from the elusive bobcats of our barrier islands to the ancient ferns that have thrived for millions of years. I love how this series not only highlights unique species, but also provides a behind the scenes look at how South Carolinians are protecting them." **–SCETV Director of Digital Ty Moody**

"Season 3 of *What's Wild* has taken me on some of the most challenging and rewarding adventures yet. From tracking bobcats on Kiawah Island to wading through streams in search of endangered mussels, and even camping out to witness the rare emergence of Gopher Frogs from their burrows. This journey was unforgettable. With the continued support of South Carolina ETV, we're shining a light on the remarkable wildlife and the passionate people working tirelessly to preserve it. I hope this season sparks a deeper connection to the natural wonders of South Carolina." – *What's Wild* Producer and Editor Charles Dymock

FAST FACTS

- Season 3 of SCETV's digital series, *What's Wild*, is releasing on SCETV's digital platforms.
- What's Wild is produced by SCETV's Charles Dymock.
- Each of the eight episodes will premiere on SCETV's YouTube channel on Thursdays.
- 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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