



North Port Friends of Wildlife

The Giving Challenge is Back!

Slow and Steady Wins the Race



This year, the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, supported by The Patterson Foundation, has agreed to match donations, which strengthens North Port Friends of Wildlife's ability to raise funds.

Donations will be matched 100% from \$25 to \$100. So, for example, if your donation is \$100, NPFOWL would benefit \$200.

Processing payment is easy as 1- 2 -3!

1. Access online <https://givingpartnerchallenge.org/> between Tuesday, April 28 and Wednesday April 29, 2020, 12noon-12noon.
2. Search for Friends of Sarasota County Parks/ " FOSCP".
3. Make a gift with your credit card and please **BE SURE** to write in the online message box " NPFOWL ". Also, please notify us via email that you've made the donation to: northportfowl@gmail.com. This is very important so that FOSCP will know who to credit the donation to.

About us: We provide talks during season to raise awareness on what environmental trends are occurring and how we can better protect our biodiversity/flora and fauna. * We work with the City of North Port to help protect gopher tortoises, a Threatened species, and other native wildlife. * We were instrumental in founding Gopher Tortoise Day (April 10) which helps raise awareness in the six states they're located in. When possible we have a yearly proclamation at city hall to acknowledge this dedication. * We sell gopher tortoise crossing signs for residential neighborhoods. * We were involved with three nominations to Sarasota County's Environmentally Sensitive Lands Protection Program to acquire scrub jay habitat. * We held two scrub jay workshops in Feb., 2020 on How to be a Good Scrub Jay Neighbor. * **Something new: we're working closely with and contribute to The Environmental Conservancy of North Port, a newly formed land trust, to acquire native species habitat with a focus on protecting habitat for the Florida Scrub Jay. For more information on that organization, please refer to their website: <https://ecnorthport.com/> Questions? Please call: 941 876 3720. Thank you for your support!**