

# UF/IFAS EXTENSION BAY COUNTY

## INVASIVE SPECIES WORKSHOP:

## AIR POTATO CHALLENGE AND

## SPECIES AWARENESS

**JUNE 6  
2018**

### UF/IFAS Extension Bay County

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### Dr. Steve Johnson

Dr. Steve A. Johnson is an Associate Professor of Wildlife Ecology with UF/IFAS in Gainesville where he has a 70% teaching and 30% Extension appointment. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Florida and B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Central Florida. He teaches wildlife ecology courses that support degrees for the Wildlife Ecology and Natural Resource Conservation majors. Dr. Johnson's area of expertise is natural history and conservation of amphibians and reptiles. He and his students have conducted research on numerous species of reptiles, amphibians, and mammals. His extension and research programs emphasize invasive wildlife biology, venomous snake identification and safety, and mitigating human-wildlife conflicts. Steve is a native Floridian, enjoys being outdoors, and is a beer snob.

### Agenda

#### 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

##### Manned exhibits:

##### UF/IFAS Extension

- Air potato vine and air potato leaf beetle, beach vitex, lionfish, snakes, other species of concern
- UF/IFAS Assessment tools
- Early Detection & Distribution Mapping System (EDDMaps) and the IveGot1 app

##### Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

- Information on Invasive Plant and Animal programs

##### Science & Discovery Center of Northwest Florida

- Exhibit featuring live exotic reptiles that threaten native habitats due to pet owner releases

#### 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Air Potato Leaf Beetle Distribution** - Registration required to receive beetles; register online at <http://bit.ly/bayairpotato>

All attendees are welcome to drop-in without registration to visit other exhibits and learn about invasive species (plants, reptiles, amphibians, etc.)

#### 12:00-1:30 p.m.

**"Exotic Invaders: Reptiles and Amphibians of Concern in NW FL" Lunch & Learn** (bring your own lunch) Dr. Steve Johnson, UF/IFAS Associate Professor of Wildlife Ecology

#### 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Drop-in time to visit exhibits and interact with experts from UF/IFAS, FWC, and Science & Discovery Center.

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