

FLORIDA STEWARDS

Conservation Photography

*by Dustin
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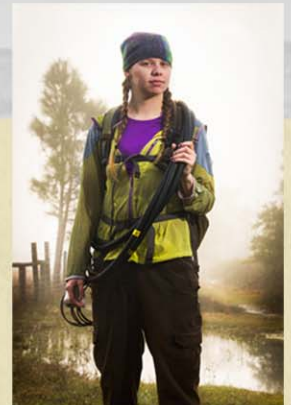
Florida Stewards highlights the people working to protect the wildlands and wildlife of Florida. These are the biologists, land managers, artists, and others who take to the wild places, and who work to understand, protect, and live with Florida's natural wonders. Dustin's photos document the science and conservation challenges of the region by showing the people trying to solve them, in action.



Dustin Angell leads summer camp students on a buggy tour
(Photo courtesy of Archbold Biological Station)

Dustin Angell is a conservation photographer and environmental educator, living and working within the headwaters of the Florida Everglades. He is the Director of Education at Archbold Biological Station in Venus, FL. Soon after moving to Venus from Syracuse, NY in 2013, he began taking his camera to work to document educational outreach and ecological research. Conservation photography became his purpose, leading to photography shows and a photo essay on Florida grasshopper sparrows in the Spring 2017 issue of *Living Bird Magazine*.

Angell's educational work has garnered recognition and led him to leadership roles throughout the state. He received the 2015 Outstanding Educator Award from the Florida Chapter of the Wildlife Society, served as president (2017-2018) of the League of Environmental Educators in Florida (LEEF), and is on the steering committee for the Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem Working Group.



Some of Dustin Angell's "Florida Stewards"



This past summer Dustin Angell introduced an arts project, **#MyScienceFuture**, to campers at Archbold's Ecology Summer Camp sessions. This multi-day project used Angell's Florida Stewards photo series as a way to promote science careers. Students learned about local science and conservation, dressed up for their own photo shoots with Angell, and wrote accompanying messages for the viewers about their feelings on science and nature. The project combines photography appreciation, imaginative play, drawing, and creative writing as tools for learning about nature and science. Angell has recently been presenting **#MyScienceFuture** at education conferences, created a selfie-booth version for community festivals, and is planning to create a mobile version for classroom teachers to use.

Conservation Photography Resources

What is conservation photography?

- Carlton Ward Jr: "Conservation photography is simply photography that empowers conservation."

Websites:

- International League of Conservation Photographers: <https://conservationphotographers.org/mission-ethics-2/>
- Audubon's guide to ethical bird photography: <http://www.audubon.org/get-outside/audubons-guide-ethical-bird-photography/>
- Dustin Angell: <https://www.dustinangellphoto.com/>
- Carlton Ward Jr.: <http://www.carltonward.com/>
- Mac Stone: <http://www.macstonephoto.com/>
- Joel Sartore: <https://www.joelsartore.com/>
- Clyde Butcher: <https://clydebutcher.com/>



Conservation fieldwork photos by Dustin Angell