



# 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SPRING L.A.R.E. FIELD TRIP

MAY 2, 2015

## JEAN LAFITTE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK AND PRESERVE



**BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** DAVID FOX, ERIC VANBERGEN, PHILIP VANBERGEN, HAYLEY GRAHAM, NICK LINDNER, WILLIAM CARTER, CALEB EZELLE, MANDIE EZELLE, BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO, KIMBERLY TERRELL, DOUG DIETRICH **FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** ZEB MAYHEW IV, ZEB MAYHEW III, MUSE MACCHIONE, DIEGO TORRES-COPELAND, CLAUDIA COPELAND, DARIUS TORRES-COPELAND, DARE MACCHIONE, LUKAS CARTER-KIEL, TATIANNA MACCHIONE, SARA PILGRIM

### TRIP DETAILS

The group met at 9:30 a.m. at the Visitor's Center. Air temps were rising and reached the low 80s. We had a great turnout with 21 people, including both veteran and first time field trip attendees, including our biggest contingent yet of very young enthusiastic kids. David Fox, a National Park Service employee and L.A.R.E. member, did a great job in leading the trip. We spent the first half of the trip looking for amphibians and reptiles around the Environmental Education Complex (EEC). On the walk over there we spotted a huge female River Cooter who had just crossed the road. It was a great start! We found many of the more expected species, including a couple exotic Greenhouse Frogs, around the EEC. The mosquitos were fierce as severe storms had just moved through the area in the week prior to our trip. After searching around the EEC, we returned back to the Visitor's Center and had some lunch. About half of the attendees left after lunch, but the rest of us continued on and drove over to the Bayou Coquille Trail. There, we heard Pig Frogs and Bird-voiced Treefrogs, captured a large Racer, saw several alligators and turtles, including some very large basking River Cooters. We detected 21 unique species during the trip!

## AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

BLANCHARD'S CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS BLANCHARDI</i>	1 (CALLING)
GREENHOUSE FROG	<i>ELEUTHERODACTYLUS PLANIROSTRIS</i>	2
EASTERN NARROW-MOUTHED TOAD	<i>GASTROPHRYNE CAROLINENSIS</i>	2
BIRD-VOICED TREEFROG	<i>HYLA AVIVOCA</i>	(CALLING ONLY)
SQUIRREL TREEFROG	<i>HYLA SQUIRELLA</i>	11
GULF COAST TOAD	<i>INCILIUS NEBULIFER</i>	3
AMERICAN BULLFROG	<i>LITHOBATES CATESBEIANUS</i>	(CALLING ONLY)
GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	4 (CALLING)
PIG FROG	<i>LITHOBATES GRYLIO</i>	(CALLING ONLY)
AMERICAN ALLIGATOR	<i>ALLIGATOR MISSISSIPPIENSIS</i>	8
GREEN ANOLE	<i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i>	51
COMMON FIVE-LINED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON FASCIATUS</i>	1
BROAD-HEADED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON LATICEPS</i>	1
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	14
RACER	<i>COLUBER CONSTRICTOR</i>	2
PLAIN-BELLIED WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA ERYTHROGASTER</i>	1
BROAD-BANDED WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA FASCIATA</i>	7
DEKAY'S BROWNSNAKE	<i>STORERIA DEKAYI</i>	1
WESTERN RIBBONSNAKE	<i>THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS</i>	1
RIVER COOTER	<i>PSEUDEMYIS CONCINNA</i>	5
POND SLIDER	<i>TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA</i>	4