



3RD ANNUAL WINTER L.A.R.E. FIELD TRIP

JANUARY 16, 2016

VERNON UNIT, CALCASIEU DISTRICT
KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST



BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): TROY GLORIOSO, KEVIN WOOD, LANCE RENOUX, MATT PARDUE, CHUCK BATTAGLIA, BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO **FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** NIKKI KRIEG, SEAN KRIEG, LINDY MUSE, SARA PILGRIM, ERIC VANBERGEN, PHILIP VANBERGEN **NOT PICTURE:** TAYLOR DEBLIEUX

TRIP DETAILS

We all met at 9:00 a.m. at the office of Matt Pardue, a USFS employee who guided us to the spots for this field trip. The temperatures were in the 40s early, but warmed up to the upper 50s by early afternoon. We stopped at three different areas adjacent to creeks to search for our salamander primary targets. We quickly uncovered our first Marbled Salamander, one of 27 post-metamorphic individuals we found on the day! We also added 8 larva from two different areas. We also found dozens of Spotted Salamander egg masses at two areas, but only two adults were found. All 11 Dwarf Salamanders were found at the same site. In addition to the salamanders, we observed a few frog species and a few Little Brown Skinks. At the first site we found a couple of Western Ribbonsnakes perched above the ground. The trip was coming to a close when we found a beautiful young Speckled Kingsnake in a rotten stump. It was the perfect ending for a beautiful day in the woods. We departed from the area at about 3:00 p.m. Though not highly species-rich, the trip was a success in that it was well attended and we found our salamander targets, giving several members some lifers.

AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

SPOTTED SALAMANDER	<i>AMBYSTOMA MACULATUM</i>	2, 40+ EGG MASSES
MARBLED SALAMANDER	<i>AMBYSTOMA OPACUM</i>	27, 8 LARVAE
DWARF SALAMANDER	<i>EURYCEA QUADRIDIGITATA</i>	11
BLANCHARD'S CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS BLANCHARDI</i>	2
SOUTHERN LEOPARD FROG	<i>LITHOBATES SPHENOCEPHALUS</i>	2
SPRING PEEPER	<i>PSEUDACRIS CRUCIFER</i>	CALLING ONLY
CAJUN CHORUS FROG	<i>PSEUDACRIS FOUQUETTEI</i>	CALLING ONLY
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	3
SPECKLED KINGSNAKE	<i>LAMPROPELTIS HOLBROOKI</i>	1
WESTERN RIBBONSNAKE	<i>THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS</i>	2