



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

NOVEMBER 14, 2015

SANDY CREEK COMMUNITY PARK BLACKWATER CONSERVATION AREA

TRIP DETAILS

The group met at 9:00 a.m. at the parking lot of Sandy Creek Community Park. We first checked some traps set in the creek on a few days earlier, but no herps were captured. We proceeded to walk the trails. Air temps were cool initially as the over-night low was in the mid-40s, but the sun was bright and it warmed up nicely to about 70 degrees. We had a great turnout with 13 people, including several first time field trip attendees, including a couple of young enthusiasts who saw several species they had never seen. After only seeing a couple of frogs and skinks, we finally flipped a Mississippi Slimy Salamander. As it got warmer the racers started coming out. We saw four adult Southern Black Racers. They were all nicely protected by briars, but Bones caught two of them, but not without getting bloody on the face and arms. Sheila held one of the racers, the first snake she has held in her life. We also saw a glimpse of a ribbonsnake or gartersnake, and flipped a Dwarf Salamander near the end of our time at Sandy Creek. Seven of the initial 13 attendees continued herping at nearby Blackwater Conservation Area. We picked up a few new things there, including River Cooters, Common Five-lined Skinks, and an Eastern Box Turtle. In all, we detected at least 15 unique species during the trip.



BACK ROW (STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT): NICK LINDNER, HAYLEY GRAHAM, SEAN KRIEG, SHEILA DEAN, PHILIP VANBERGEN, SARA PILGRIM, LANCE RENOUX **FRONT ROW (SEATED LEFT TO RIGHT):** ALLIE DEAN, ERIC VANBERGEN, BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO, KEVIN WOOD **NOT PICTURED:** CHRISTOPHER DALTON, WILLIAM DALTON

AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED SANDY CREEK COMMUNITY PARK

SOUTHERN CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS GRYLLUS</i>	7
COPE'S GRAY TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CHRYSOSCELIS</i>	1
GULF COAST TOAD	<i>INCILIUS NEBULIFER</i>	TADPOLES
GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	5
SOUTHERN LEOPARD FROG	<i>LITHOBATES SPHENOCEPHALUS</i>	4
DWARF SALAMANDER	<i>EURYCEA QUADRIDIGITATA</i>	1
MISSISSIPPI SLIMY SALAMANDER	<i>PLETHODON MISSISSIPPI</i>	1
GREEN ANOLE	<i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i>	2
PRAIRIE LIZARD	<i>SCELOPORUS CONSOBRINUS</i>	1
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	15
RACER	<i>COLUBER CONSTRICTOR</i>	4
RIBBONSNAKE/GARTERSNAKE	<i>THAMNOPHIS SP.</i>	1

BLACKWATER CONSERVATION AREA

CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS SP.</i>	23
GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	1
GREEN ANOLE	<i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i>	4
COMMON FIVE-LINED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON FASCIATUS</i>	3
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	2
WESTERN RIBBONSNAKE	<i>THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS</i>	1
RIVER COOTER	<i>PSEUDEMYS CONCINNA</i>	2
EASTERN BOX TURTLE	<i>TERRAPENE CAROLINA</i>	1