



# 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FALL L.A.R.E. FIELD TRIP

NOVEMBER 5, 2016

NORTHLAKE NATURE CENTER



**(STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT):** BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO, SEAN KRIEG, JANE SCHAUER, LAURA DALTON, WILLIAM DALTON, BRADLEY WAGSTAFF, KEVIN WOOD, KEVIN McDUNN, ALEX ORTIZ, SARA CAVALIER, JAMI ORTIZ **(KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT):** BRIAN CAVALIER, HARRIETT POOLER **NOT PICTURED:** RUE MCNEILL

## TRIP DETAILS

We met at 9:00 a.m. at the Northlake Nature Center (NNC) parking lot. Rue McNeill, who manages the NNC, was there to join us and after she spoke to us about the NNC we began our search for amphibians and reptiles. We almost immediately found a Mississippi Slimy Salamander along with several other common amphibians, including countless cricket frogs. As it warmed up we began to find the snakes. We captured two Southern Black Racers pretty close to each other, and proceeded to find 6 more throughout the day. In addition we found a 5 Eastern Ribbonsnakes and a few others snake species, including a beautiful juvenile Gray Ratsnake and a large Plain-bellied Watersnake. We also had a couple nice amphibians finds with an Eastern Newt and Spring Peeper. Only one turtle species was found, but one of the sliders was a cute hatchling that Sean Krieg captured while going up to near his waist in soupy water! We did a lot of hiking on this trip but it was a nice day to be out in the woods with folks who share the appreciation for the outdoors, and in particular amphibians and reptiles. We detected 18 species and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves!

## AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

EASTERN NEWT	<i>NOTOPHTHALMUS VIRIDSCENS</i>	1
MISSISSIPPI SLIMY SALAMANDER	<i>PLETHODON MISSISSIPPI</i>	3
CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS SP.</i>	200+
EASTERN NARROW-MOUTHED TOAD	<i>GASTROPHRYNE CAROLINENSIS</i>	2
COPE'S GRAY TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CHRYSOSCELIS</i>	1
GREEN TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CINEREA</i>	1
GULF COAST TOAD	<i>INCILIUS NEBULIFER</i>	2
GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	15
SOUTHERN LEOPARD FROG	<i>LITHOBATES SPHENOCEPHALUS</i>	9
SPRING PEEPER	<i>PSEUDACRIS CRUCIFER</i>	1
GREEN ANOLE	<i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i>	3
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	26
COTTONMOUTH	<i>AGKISTRODON PISCIVORUS</i>	1 (DEAD)
RACER	<i>COLUBER CONSTRICTOR</i>	8
PLAIN-BELLIED WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA ERYTHROGASTER</i>	1
GRAY RATSNAKE	<i>PANTHEROPHIS SPILOIDES</i>	1
EASTERN RIBBONSNAKE	<i>THAMNOPHIS SAURITUS</i>	5
POND SLIDER	<i>TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA</i>	3