



5TH ANNUAL SUMMER L.A.R.E. FIELD TRIP

JULY 29, 2017

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN
(INDIAN BAYOU)

TRIP DETAILS

The group met at 5:30 p.m. at the Atchafalaya Welcome Center and began herping at about 6 p.m. We started out at the Oxbow Lake area where three turtle traps were set and finished in the Indian Bayou Day Use Area, where we also had three turtle traps set as well as six minnow traps. Air temps were warm and it had rained earlier in the day so it was quite humid. We only had a few captures from all the traps: a few newts and tadpoles from minnow traps and one large female Red-eared Slider and a juvenile American Alligator in the turtle traps. The incidental juvenile alligator was a big hit as Bones was able to get it out of the net and let folks see it before releasing it. We found an abundance of frogs, especially Fowler's, Gulf Coast, and Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toads along with Southern Leopard Frogs. We even got our hands on the exotic Rio Grande Chirping Frog, a first for a LARE trip. Snake diversity was low but we did see 13 Cottonmouths, 5 Dekay's Brownsnakes, and a few other species including a young Copperhead, which was also a big hit for those that stayed late enough to see it. Overall, this was a very well attended field trip with 28 attendees and 26 species of amphibians and reptiles detected!



LEFT TO RIGHT (STANDING BACK ROW): BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO, NICOLE JENNINGS, ALEX HERNANDEZ, MEADOW LANDRY, DEVIN ARKFELD, ARIK HARTMANN, CJ HILLARD, SEAN KRIEG, ERIC MENDEL, GABRIEL GRIFFARD, MATT MAY, WILLIAM DALTON, CHRIS DALTON, CARL MAIESE, ROYAL TYLER, MATTHEW MANCUSO, DA'VONNE GRIFFIN, ERIC VANBERGEN, CLYDE LAVALAIS, BRITANY DUFRESNE, CLEVELAND LAVALAIS, CORY SHARPE LEFT TO RIGHT (KIDS AND KNEELING): TONY MENDEL, NICO MENDEL, JAMES ERDMANN, BRIAN CAVALIER, CECILIA BOYD, ANNIE TYLER

AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

EASTERN NEWT	<i>NOTOPHTHALMUS VIRIDESCENS</i>	3
BLANCHARD'S CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS BLANCHARDI</i>	11 (CALLING)
FOWLER'S TOAD	<i>ANAXYRUS FOWLERI</i>	28
RIO GRANDE CHIRPING FROG	<i>ELEUTHERODACTYLUS CYSTIGNATHOIDES</i>	1 (CALLING)
EASTERN NARROW-MOUTHED TOAD	<i>GASTROPHRYNE CAROLINENSIS</i>	35 (CALLING)
COPE'S GRAY TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CHRYSOSCELIS</i>	13 (CALLING)
GREEN TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CINEREA</i>	6 (CALLING)
SQUIRREL TREEFROG	<i>HYLA SQUIRELLA</i>	2 (CALLING)
GULF COAST TOAD	<i>INCILIUS NEBULIFER</i>	16
AMERICAN BULLFROG	<i>LITHOBATES CATESBEIANUS</i>	5
GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	21 (CALLING)
SOUTHERN LEOPARD FROG	<i>LITHOBATES SPHENOCEPHALUS</i>	35
SPRING PEEPER	<i>PSEUDACRIS CRUCIFER</i>	2
CAJUN CHORUS FROG	<i>PSEUDACRIS FOUQUETTEI</i>	3
AMERICAN ALLIGATOR	<i>ALLIGATOR MISSISSIPPIENSIS</i>	5
GREEN ANOLE	<i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i>	4
COMMON FIVE-LINED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON FASCIATUS</i>	3
BROAD-HEADED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON LATICEPS</i>	1
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	12
COPPERHEAD	<i>AGKISTRODON CONTORTRIX</i>	1
COTTONMOUTH	<i>AGKISTRODON PISCIVORUS</i>	13
PLAIN-BELLIED WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA ERYTHROGASTER</i>	1
DEKAY'S BROWNSNAKE	<i>STORERIA DEKAYI</i>	6
WESTERN RIBBONSNAKE	<i>THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS</i>	5
EASTERN MUSK TURTLE	<i>STERNOTHERUS ODORATUS</i>	SHELL ONLY
POND SLIDER	<i>TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA</i>	1