



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

NOVEMBER 11, 2017

WALLACE LAKE BIOLOGICAL STATION



(STANDING BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT): CAT MCMAHAN, SEAN KRIEG, ARIK HARTMANN, CONNOR REINOSO, BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO
(SEATED FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT): ANNIE TYLER, ROYAL TYLER, CARA GRECO, KYLYAN VILLERMIN, DA'VONNE GRIFFIN

TRIP DETAILS

We met at 10:00 a.m. at the gate of the biological station and met up with Laurence 'Mack' Hardy, emeritus professor at LSU-Shreveport and Co-Director of the Wallace Lake Biological Station. It was a little cool in the morning but was quickly warming up to a beautiful day to be outside. The herps came slowly with just a few species of common frogs and lizards, including countless Blanchard's Cricket Frogs. A box turtle was soon found followed by a big female Marbled Salamander and the first of five Western Ribbonsnakes. Folks were amazed at how much blue color several of the Western Ribbonsnakes possessed, which is something we noticed on a past official field trip to Black Bayou Lake NWR in northeast Louisiana. As we continued on we found a few Western Dwarf Salamanders and a neonate Southern Watersnake in the creek beds. The baby watersnake nearly gave us the slip as it kept burying in a debris pile. We nearly gave up before someone spotted it again and we nabbed it for some photos. We were finishing up for the day about 3 p.m. hiking back to our cars in a right of way between a forest and pine plantation when Arik found a gorgeous juvenile Prairie Kingsnake. Only two of the ten participants were first timers, which was good as we hiked over 6 miles in total on the day. In all, we detected 15 species, with the Prairie Kingsnake being a lifer for many of the attendees.

AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

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| MARBLED SALAMANDER | <i>AMBYSTOMA OPACUM</i> | 1 |
| WESTERN DWARF SALAMANDER | <i>EURYCEA PALUDICOLA</i> | 3 |
| BLANCHARD'S CRICKET FROG | <i>ACRIS BLANCHARDI</i> | 200+ |
| FOWLER'S TOAD | <i>ANAXYRUS FOWLERI</i> | 1 |
| COPE'S GRAY TREEFROG | <i>HYLA CHRYSOSCELIS</i> | 1 |
| GREEN TREEFROG | <i>HYLA CINEREA</i> | 2 |
| GREEN FROG | <i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i> | 5 |
| SOUTHERN LEOPARD FROG | <i>LITHOBATES SPHENOCEPHALUS</i> | 1 |
| GREEN ANOLE | <i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i> | 2 |
| COMMON FIVE-LINED SKINK | <i>PLESTIODON FASCIATUS</i> | 1 |
| LITTLE BROWN SKINK | <i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i> | 30+ |
| PRAIRIE KINGSNAKE | <i>LAMPROPELTIS CALLIGASTER</i> | 1 |
| SOUTHERN WATERSNAKE | <i>NERODIA FASCIATA</i> | 1 |
| WESTERN RIBBONSNAKE | <i>THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS</i> | 5 |
| EASTERN BOX TURTLE | <i>TERRAPENE CAROLINA</i> | 1 |