



# 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WINTER L.A.R.E. FIELD TRIP

JANUARY 20, 2018

STUART LAKE RECREATION COMPLEX  
CATAHOULA DISTRICT, KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST



**LEFT TO RIGHT:** CONNOR REINOSO, CJ HILLARD, ANNIE TYLER, ROYAL TYLER, SEAN KRIEG, HARRIETT POOLER, KIMBERLY TERRELL, KRISTI WHARTON, LINDY MUSE, BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO

## TRIP DETAILS

We met at 9:00 a.m. at the fishing pier/swimming area at Stuart Lake. It was cloudy with light rain at first, but turned out to be a very nice day, which was very welcomed by all after several recent freeze/snow events. While waiting for everyone to show, Lindy found a dead Western Dwarf Salamander in the women's bathroom. Lucky for us things got livelier after that, though we also found a dead adult Rough Greensnake on Glenn Emery trail at the end of the day. We began by searching the low lying areas near Stuart Lake which led us toward a nearby creek. Things started slow with just a couple lizards and frogs, but we soon started seeing Spotted Salamander egg masses, and plenty of them. We eventually were able to turn up a couple adults under logs. Sean found the adult Mole Salamander at the water's edge of an ephemeral pond. We also picked up a few Western Dwarf Salamanders in the area. We surprisingly did not turn up any adult Marbled Salamanders and only saw a handful of larvae. We took a break around noon and went to the Glenn Emery Trail area afterwards. We did not pick up much there, but Sean was able to net a juvenile Lesser Siren from the water's edge of Stuart Lake. We ended the trip at about 2 p.m. In all, we detected 12 species with several folks gaining one or more lifers on the trip!



## AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

SPOTTED SALAMANDER	<i>AMBYSTOMA MACULATUM</i>	2, 150+ EGG MASSES
MARbled SALAMANDER	<i>AMBYSTOMA OPACUM</i>	10+ LARVAE
MOLE SALAMANDER	<i>AMBYSTOMA TALPOIDEUM</i>	1, 10+ EGG MASSES
WESTERN DWARF SALAMANDER	<i>EURYCEA PALUDICOLA</i>	4 (1 DEAD)
LESSER SIREN	<i>SIREN INTERMEDIA</i>	1
BLANCHARD'S CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS BLANCHARDI</i>	4
GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	3
SPRING PEEPER	<i>PSEUDACRIS CRUCIFER</i>	3, CALLING
GREEN ANOLE	<i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i>	3
COMMON FIVE-LINED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON FASCIATUS</i>	2
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	1
ROUGH GREENSNAKE	<i>OPHEODRYS AESTIVUS</i>	1 (DEAD)