



# 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER L.A.R.E. FIELD TRIP

AUGUST 4, 2018

CHICOT STATE PARK  
EAST LANDING AREA



**BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO, TAYLOR SIMONEAUX, WILLIAM DALTON, ERIC VANBERGEN, MIKE VANETTEN, ERIN BRYAN, JACK REILLEY, RACHEL JANIA, INGRID GOODMAN, WILL MCMANUS, CAT MCMAHAN, SEAN KRIEG **FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** CONNI POPE, CJ HILLARD, OLIVIA BARRY, DA'VONNE GRIFFIN, BRITTANY MALDONADO, EVAN GRIMES, LINDY MUSE, HARRIETT POOLER

## TRIP DETAILS

The group met at 5:00 p.m. and herped until about 9 p.m. Air temps were warm in the lower 80s when we began. We quickly detected some common herps and then the first snake of the day, a large Diamond-backed Watersnake in shed that Lindy flipped under a log near the bayou. Several Western Ribbonsnakes, most of which were very recently born, were observed by several members. Lindy flipped a Western Dwarf Salamander under a log, our only salamander of the trip. After searching near the self-pay kiosk and boat launch we began to hike from the East Landing Trailhead as it was getting dark. The hike only turned up a few herps, owing to the intensely dry forest conditions. We decided to turn around and head back towards the water for better luck when we came upon a subset of our group that were a bit behind the rest of us. They had observed a Timber Rattlesnake, and we did not hear their hollers directed to us to come join them. Luckily, however, they were able to lead us back to the area they observed it and we were able to locate it again. Nearly everyone (a few members had left early) got to see this beautiful large individual with about 16 buttons. Overall, the sixth L.A.R.E. summer field trip was a great success with 20 attendees and 18 species of amphibians and reptiles detected, some of which were lifers for some members!

## AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

WESTERN DWARF SALAMANDER	<i>EURYCEA PALUDICOLA</i>	1
BLANCHARD'S CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS BLANCHARDI</i>	200+
FOWLER'S TOAD	<i>ANAXYRUS FOWLERI</i>	2
EASTERN NARROW-MOUTHED TOAD	<i>GASTROPHRYNE CAROLINENSIS</i>	3
COPE'S GRAY TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CHRYSOSCELIS</i>	1
GREEN TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CINEREA</i>	1
GULF COAST TOAD	<i>INCILIUS NEBULIFER</i>	7
GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	10 (CALLING)
SOUTHERN LEOPARD FROG	<i>LITHOBATES SPHENOCEPHALUS</i>	23
AMERICAN ALLIGATOR	<i>ALLIGATOR MISSISSIPPIENSIS</i>	1
COMMON FIVE-LINED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON FASCIATUS</i>	6
BROAD-HEADED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON LATICEPS</i>	1
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	68
TIMBER RATTLESNAKE	<i>CROTALUS HORRIDUS</i>	1
DIAMOND-BACKED WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA RHOMBIFER</i>	1
WESTERN RIBBONSNAKE	<i>THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS</i>	8
EASTER MUSK TURTLE	<i>STERNOTHERUS ODORATUS</i>	1 (SHELL ONLY)
POND SLIDER	<i>TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA</i>	1 (SHELL ONLY)