



7TH ANNUAL SPRING L.A.R.E. FIELD TRIP

APRIL 14, 2019

LAKE FAUSSE POINTE STATE PARK



BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO, KIMBERLY BROUSSARD, ALAN TRAHAN, ZEB MAYHEW III, KAREN TERRELL, JESSICA THORNTON, JIM PARKER, BREYTON BOUDREAUX, DA'VONNE GRIFFIN, HALEY DUET, RAYMOND KIDDER, BRITTANY MALDONADO **FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** KYLAN BROUSSARD, ILIANA TRAHAN, ERIN BRYAN, HARRIETT POOLER, NADINE MELANCON, EVIE MELANCON **NOT PICTURED:** SAM MELANCON

TRIP DETAILS

The group met at 9:00 a.m. and started down a trail. It was cool overnight but nice and sunny getting into the mid to upper 70s in the afternoon. Herping started slowly with just a few common frogs and lizards. We found an area with some broken concrete and other artificial cover. There we found a Gulf Coast Toad, a Common Five-lined Skink, an Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad, and our first snake, a Dekay's Brownsnake. Continuing on Brittany spotted a large Black-masked Racer that went down a hole at a forest edge. Later, we passed by that same spot and it had already come back out and, this time, we were captured it to the delight of the kids and adults alike. From there we walked the roadside and saw several Western Ribbon-snakes and a few watersnakes, including one Broad-banded Watersnake that we captured. We also grabbed several beautiful Squirrel Treefrogs off some palmettos. After lunch we found three Northern Cottonmouths, one of which was inches away from several of us as we unknowingly passed it on the grassy trail. After much effort, we finally dipnetted our lone salamander of the day, an Eastern Newt. Some turtles and alligators rounded out the trip, which ended at about 3 p.m. Overall, the seventh L.A.R.E. spring field trip was a great success with 19 attendees (including 6 minors) and 20 species of amphibians and reptiles detected!

AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

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| EASTERN NEWT | <i>NOTOPHTHALMUS VIRIDESCENS</i> | 1 |
| BLANCHARD'S CRICKET FROG | <i>ACRIS BLANCHARDI</i> | 23 (CALLING) |
| EASTERN NARROW-MOUTHED TOAD | <i>GASTROPHRYNE CAROLINENSIS</i> | 3 |
| GREEN TREEFROG | <i>HYLA CINEREA</i> | CALLING ONLY |
| SQUIRREL TREEFROG | <i>HYLA SQUIRELLA</i> | 5 |
| GULF COAST TOAD | <i>INCILIUS NEBULIFER</i> | 2 |
| AMERICAN BULLFROG | <i>LITHOBATES CATESBEIANUS</i> | CALLING ONLY |
| GREEN FROG | <i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i> | 18, 12 TADPOLES |
| AMERICAN ALLIGATOR | <i>ALLIGATOR MISSISSIPPIENSIS</i> | 5 |
| GREEN ANOLE | <i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i> | 6 |
| COMMON FIVE-LINED SKINK | <i>PLESTIODON FASCIATUS</i> | 1 |
| TOOTHY SKINKS | <i>PLESTIODON SP.</i> | 7 |
| LITTLE BROWN SKINK | <i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i> | 16 |
| NORTHERN COTTONMOUTH | <i>AGKISTRODON PISCIVORUS</i> | 3 |
| NORTH AMERICAN RACER | <i>COLUBER CONSTRICTOR</i> | 3 |
| MISSISSIPPI GREEN WATERSNAKE | <i>NERODIA CYCLOPION</i> | 1 (DEAD) |
| SOUTHERN WATERSNAKE | <i>NERODIA FASCIATA</i> | 4 |
| DEKAY'S BROWNSNAKE | <i>STORERIA DEKAYI</i> | 2 |
| WESTERN RIBBONSNAKE | <i>THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS</i> | 9 |
| RIVER COOTER | <i>PSEUDEMYIS CONCINNA</i> | 3 |
| POND SLIDER | <i>TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA</i> | 4 |