



# 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPRING L.A.R.E. FIELD TRIP

APRIL 18, 2020

## COVID-19 ON-YOUR-OWN

### TRIP DETAILS

The spring LARE field trip had to be modified due to the COVID-19 pandemic into on-your-own herp surveys across the state. Participants had 24 hours on Saturday, April 19, to record their finds. Unlike group field trips, we did not get counts of how many of an individual species was observed in a parish, but simply what species were observed in what parishes. That level of detail could not be displayed in this report, but we have listed all the species reported (table below) as well as the number of unique species by parish (table on right). In addition, we also tallied various other metrics numbered below. Many of the participants were minors with their parents and were excited to be part of a larger effort. Some even expressed a desire for this type of event in future years.

- 1** Number of participating people - 53
- 2** Number of submitted parish lists - 34
- 3** Number of parishes (out of 64) with at least one submitted parish list - 19
- 4** Number of unique species found by all participants combined - 50
- 5** List of LDWF species of greatest conservation need by parish  
Alligator Snapping Turtle - Rapides  
Eastern Spadefoot - St. Tammany
- 6** Top 4 parishes with greatest number of participants - Rapides (19 participants and 35 species), St. Tammany (6 participants and 19 species), Lafayette (5 participants and 9 species), Livingston (4 participants and 17 species)

- 7** Top 6 most common species observed - Green Anole (18 lists), Little Brown Skink (18 lists), Pond Slider (15 lists), Green Frog (11 lists), Gulf Coast Toad (9 lists), Blanchard's Cricket Frog (9 lists)
- 8** Least common species observed - 1 list only - Spotted Dusky Salamander, Mississippi Slimy Salamander, Bird-voiced Treefrog, Eastern Spadefoot, Six-lined Racerunner, Sri Lankan Spotted House Gecko, Ring-necked Snake, Red-bellied Mudsnake, Rough Earthsnake, Glossy Swampsnake, Spiny Softshell, Alligator Snapping Turtle, Eastern Musk Turtle, Eastern Box Turtle

PARISH	UNIQUE SPECIES
Ascension	12
Avoyelles	5
Beauregard	6
Catahoula	3
Claiborne	12
East Baton Rouge	3
Evangeline	2
Iberville	8
Jefferson Davis	6
Lafayette	9
Livingston	17
Ouachita	3
Rapides	35
St. Charles	2
St. James	2
St. Landry	1
St. Mary	10
St. Tammany	19
Vernon	10

## AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

MARbled SALAMANDER  
THREE-TOED AMPHIUMA  
SPOTTED DUSKY SALAMANDER  
WESTERN DWARF SALAMANDER  
EASTERN NEWT  
MISSISSIPPI SLIMY SALAMANDER

BLANCHARD'S CRICKET FROG  
FOWLER'S TOAD  
GREENHOUSE FROG  
EASTERN NARROW-MOUTHED TOAD  
BIRD-VOICED TREEFROG  
COPE'S GRAY TREEFROG  
GREEN TREEFROG  
GULF COAST TOAD  
AMERICAN BULLFROG  
GREEN FROG  
PIG FROG

SOUTHERN LEOPARD FROG  
EASTERN SPADEFOOT

AMERICAN ALLIGATOR

GREEN ANOLE  
SIX-LINED RACERUNNER  
SRI LANKAN SPOTTED HOUSE GECKO  
MEDITERRANEAN GECKO  
COMMON FIVE-LINED SKINK  
BROAD-HEADED SKINK  
LITTLE BROWN SKINK

EASTERN COPPERHEAD  
NORTHERN COTTONMOUTH  
NORTH AMERICAN RACER  
RING-NECKED SNAKE  
RED-BELLIED MUDSNAKE  
ROUGH EARTHSNAKE  
SPECKLED KING SNAKE

GLOSSY SWAMPSNAKE  
MISSISSIPPI GREEN WATERSNAKE  
PLAIN-BELLIED WATERSNAKE  
SOUTHERN WATERSNAKE  
DIAMOND-BACKED WATERSNAKE  
WESTERN RATSNAKE  
WESTERN RIBBONSNAKE

SPINY SOFTSHELL  
SNAPPING TURTLE  
EASTERN MUD TURTLE  
FALSE MAP TURTLE  
ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE  
RIVER COOTER  
EASTERN MUSK TURTLE  
EASTERN BOX TURTLE  
POND SLIDER