



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

JULY 31, 2021

BAYOU SEGNETTE STATE PARK



**GENERALLY LEFT TO RIGHT:** CADE CEFALU, KRISTIAN BOYLL, CALI CEFALU, COLLIN CEFALU, MICAH CEFALU, TOM FORD, AIDAN FORD, KEVIN MCDUNN, XAVI MCDUNN, CODY HUFFAKER, KATIE HUFFAKER, COHEN HUFFAKER, EVAN TERRELL, KAREN TERRELL, MIKE VANÉTTEN, BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO, DA'VONNE GRIFFIN, JASON PUMA, NICK SOMOGYI, LUCA SOMOGYI, ROBERT MENDYK, LINDSEY NEWTON, KATE POTTS, TOM SIEMENS, KAITLYNN WILLIS, MARK GOLAY, LIAM DALTON, SHAY NICHOLS **NOT PICTURED:** CONNOR REINOSO

## TRIP DETAILS

The group met at 5:00 p.m. at the large parking lot near the boat launch. We introduced ourselves, talked about the trip plans, and took a group photo as usual but with better spacing due to COVID-19. We then started herping just up the road near the campground area and immediately found and heard the first of many frogs on the evening. Most all the frog species you could expect at this time of year were seen, and most were also heard. We picked up the common lizards such as the Little Brown Skink and Green Anole quickly. We also saw a few Western Ribbonsnakes, a couple Dekay's Brownsnakes, and a neonate Northern Cottonmouth in that area. After finding many more frogs and lizards in that area we got in our vehicles and headed over to the day use area by the canals before it got dark. There, we saw many American Alligators, a few large American Bullfrogs, an Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad, a Pond Slider, a Mississippi Green Watersnake, a Diamond-backed Watersnake, and several Three-toed Amphiumas in addition to other common species, like Green Treefrogs and Gulf Coast Toads. We were hoping for a Rough Greensnake in the trees and vegetation along the canal but we had no luck. The field trip ended at about 10 p.m. Overall, the ninth L.A.R.E. summer field trip was a great success with 29 attendees, about a third of which were kids. We detected 20 species of amphibians and reptiles and all seemingly had a good time. The kids for sure had a good time, as they kept up their enthusiasm and excitement the whole time.

## AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

THREE-TOED AMPHIUMA	AMPHIUMA TRIDACTYLUM	5
CRICKET FROG	ACRIS SP.	14 (CALLING)
EASTERN NARROW-MOUTHED TOAD	GASTROPHRYNE CAROLINENSIS	1 (CALLING)
COPE'S GRAY TREEFROG	HYLA CHRYSOSCELIS	1 (CALLING)
GREEN TREEFROG	HYLA CINEREA	38 (CALLING)
SQUIRREL TREEFROG	HYLA SQUIRELLA	7
GULF COAST TOAD	INCILIUS NEBULIFER	52 (CALLING)
AMERICAN BULLFROG	LITHOBATES CATESBEIANUS	9
GREEN FROG	LITHOBATES CLAMITANS	39 (CALLING)
SOUTHERN LEOPARD FROG	LITHOBATES SPHENOCEPHALUS	7
AMERICAN ALLIGATOR	ALLIGATOR MISSISSIPPIENSIS	20
GREEN ANOLE	ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS	3
MEDITERRANEAN GECKO	HEMIDACTYLUS TURCICUS	1
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	SCINCELLA LATERALIS	22
NORTHERN COTTONMOUTH	AGKISTRODON PISCIVORUS	1
MISSISSIPPI GREEN WATERSNAKE	NERODIA CYCLOPION	1
DIAMOND-BACKED WATERSNAKE	NERODIA RHOMBIFER	1
DEKAY'S BROWNSNAKE	STORERIA DEKAYI	2
WESTERN RIBBONSNAKE	THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS	5
POND SLIDER	TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA	1