



12TH ANNUAL WINTER L.A.R.E. FIELD TRIP

FEBRUARY 15, 2025

WADDILL WILDLIFE REFUGE & OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER



BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): LIAM SEHLINGER, PHILLIP VANBERGEN, ERIC VANBERGEN, MARK GOLAY, KATIE FAIRCHILD, JASON PUMA, JACK REILLEY **MIDDLE ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** MICAH CEFALU, KAREN PINSONAT, KATHERINE GIVIDEN, AMANDA MARSHALL, PAUL SEHLINGER, LEE MORGAN, JIM PARKER, ERICA HAMER, JOHN TUMINELLO, KAYNE WEBB, KATHE MANAGAN, MASON BRYAN, MELISSA MIZELL, TAD GUIDRY, BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO **FRONT ROW - SEATED, KIDS, & KNEELING (LEFT TO RIGHT):** CHEYANNA WORKMASTER, JACK MORGAN, AUGUSTUS HAMER, VIVIAN HAMER, SOL GLYNN, KEILAND MANAGAN, ERIN BRYAN, ELI BRYAN **NOT PICTURED:** LINDY MUSE, TAYLOR DEBLIEUX, JUNE DEBLIEUX, ASA BOZEMAN

TRIP DETAILS

The group met at 9:00 a.m. at Waddill Wildlife Refuge. The refuge was very busy with a large scouting event, but after organizing and discussing the plan for the day, we hiked down the road, took our group picture, and began herping. We quickly found some common frogs and lizards as we made our way to the cypress swamp, where we dipnetted a couple of newts, a lifer for several attendees. We made it back to the parking area for lunch, and afterwards continued on to the wetter trail at the back of the open field. There we found some more frog species as well as Dekay's Brownsnakes, Ring-necked Snakes, Western Ribbonsnakes, and the Marbled Salamander, which was another big hit. Most of the folks left after this trail, but a few of us checked out the short trails behind the fishing ponds before calling it a day at about 4:30 p.m. The 12th annual L.A.R.E. winter field trip was highly attended with 34 attendees, including several young kids. We detected 23 species of amphibians and reptiles to species during the field trip. Everyone seemed to have a great time!

AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

MARBLED SALAMANDER	<i>AMBYSTOMA OPACUM</i>	1
EASTERN NEWT	<i>NOTOPHTHALMUS VIRIDESCENS</i>	2
CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS SP.</i>	250 +
RIO GRANDE CHIRPING FROG	<i>ELEUTHERODACTYLUS CYSTIGNATHOIDES</i>	2
COPE'S GRAY TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CHRYSOSCELIS</i>	1
GREEN TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CINEREA</i>	2
SQUIRREL TREEFROG	<i>HYLA SQUIRELLA</i>	1
GULF COAST TOAD	<i>INCILIUS NEBULIFER</i>	1
AMERICAN BULLFROG	<i>LITHOBATES CATESBEIANUS</i>	2
GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	7
SOUTHERN LEOPARD FROG	<i>LITHOBATES SPHENOCEPHALUS</i>	(TADPOLES)
CAJUN CHORUS FROG	<i>PSEUDACRIS FOUQUETTEI</i>	3 (CALLING)
GREEN ANOLE	<i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i>	16
COMMON FIVE-LINED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON FASCIATUS</i>	1
TOOTHY SKINKS	<i>PLESTIODON SP.</i>	3
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	15
NORTHERN COTTONMOUTH	<i>AGKISTRODON PISCIVORUS</i>	1
RING-NECKED SNAKE	<i>DIADOPHIS PUNCTATUS</i>	3
PLAIN-BELLIED WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA ERYTHROGASTER</i>	1
DEKAY'S BROWNSNAKE	<i>STORERIA DEKAYI</i>	2
WESTERN RIBBONSNAKE	<i>THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS</i>	4
SPINY SOFTSHELL	<i>APALONE SPINIFERA</i>	1
EASTERN MUD TURTLE	<i>KINOSTERNON SUBRUBRUM</i>	1
POND SLIDER	<i>TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA</i>	9