



9TH ANNUAL WINTER L.A.R.E. FIELD TRIP

JANUARY 29, 2022

INDIAN CREEK RECREATION AREA
ALEXANDER STATE FOREST



BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO, MICAH CEFALU, EVERETT McDONALD, CHASE BROUSSARD, GARY MELANCON **FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** CADE CEFALU, LINDY MUSE, ALEXANDRIA MEDINE, ALYSSA BROUSSARD, NADINE MELANCON, SAM MELANCON, EVIE MELANCON **NOT PICTURED:** CAROLYN SHEEHY, LILLY KURINA

TRIP DETAILS

The group met at 10:30 a.m. instead of the planned 9 a.m. due to very cold early morning temperatures. The sun came out and it became a nice day for a hike, but still a little too cool to see many reptiles. We met at the parking lot at Little Beach and after we took our group picture, we headed towards the trail and began herping and quickly found a few cricket frogs, which were our most commonly observed species of the trip. Water levels in the lake were extremely low and we were able to walk in the lake bottoms and flip a couple other species of frogs and even a newt. We picked up a couple more newts under cover near the pond by the primitive camping area. Later in the afternoon we detected several turtles, mostly River Cooters, basking in the lake. Near the end of the trip Lindy saw a Western Ribbonsnake but it got away. We also detected a couple lizard species in open sunny areas. Many attendees had never been to Indian Creek, including Bones, and though herps were not plentiful it was an enjoyable hike and time. We ended the trip about 2:30 p.m. The ninth L.A.R.E. winter field trip had 14 attendees and 9 species of amphibians and reptiles detected.

AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

EASTERN NEWT	<i>NOTOPHTHALMUS VIRIDESCENS</i>	3
BLANCHARD'S CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS BLANCHARDI</i>	13
GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	1
SOUTHERN LEOPARD FROG	<i>LITHOBATES SPHENOCEPHALUS</i>	2
GREEN ANOLE	<i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i>	1
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	1
WESTERN RIBBONSNAKE	<i>THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS</i>	1
RIVER COOTER	<i>PSEUDEMYS CONCINNA</i>	4
POND SLIDER	<i>TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA</i>	1