



10TH ANNUAL SUMMER L.A.R.E. FIELD TRIP

JULY 30, 2022

LAKE CLAIBORNE STATE PARK



BACK ROW (STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT): DOMINIC MUGUIRA, CALI CEFALU, MELISSA CEFALU, AIDAN PHILLIPS, LARRY RAYMOND, CAROLYN GROGAN, DON SHEPARD, MAKENZIE MEACHAM, CHARLES PAXTON, BRENDA WILLIAMS, JASON PUMA, KIM PAXTON, SANDY ROERIG, CLIFF WATERS, NATALIE WATERS, BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO, JESS WRIGHT **FRONT ROW (KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT):** CADE CEFALU, COLLIN CEFALU, MICAH CEFALU, AUDREY LUTZ, ANNE LUTZ, HULYA ONEL, BRIAN CAVALIER

TRIP DETAILS

The group met at 5:30 p.m. at the parking area by the boat launch at Lake Claiborne State Park. After everyone arrived we began the trip with a hike along the nearby trail. We quickly saw some of the more common lizards and frogs, but not much else along the trail. After eating dinner at the same parking lot we began to search around the lakeshore as it got dark and into the night. We finally found a bunch of snakes, including Cottonmouths, Rough Greensnakes, Diamond-backed Watersnakes and a Southern Watersnake. We also found a few Western Dwarf Salamanders in the same area, as well as additional species of frogs and lizards. Groups of folks left at various times and with only a handful of us left we added a couple of turtle species (Eastern Musk Turtle and False Map Turtle) in addition to the River Cooter shell we had seen earlier. Overall, the tenth L.A.R.E. summer field trip was a great success with 24 attendees, by far the highest attended trip we have had to central or northern Louisiana, thanks in large part to many members from the Master Naturalists groups in northern Louisiana. This was the first L.A.R.E. field trip for more than half of the attendees. We detected 18 species of amphibians and reptiles, including 17 individual snakes of 4 species. Everyone seemed to enjoy the trip!

AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

WESTERN DWARF SALAMANDER	<i>EURYCEA PALUDICOLA</i>	3
BLANCHARD'S CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS BLANCHARDI</i>	2 (CALLING)
FOWLER'S TOAD	<i>ANAXYRUS FOWLERI</i>	14 (CALLING)
COPE'S GRAY TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CHRYSOSCELIS</i>	1 (CALLING)
GREEN TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CINEREA</i>	1 (CALLING)
AMERICAN BULLFROG	<i>LITHOABTES CATESBEIANUS</i>	6
GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	24 (CALLING)
SOUTHERN LEOPARD FROG	<i>LITHOBATES SPHENOCEPHALUS</i>	20
GREEN ANOLE	<i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i>	1
TOOTHY SKINKS	<i>PLESTIODON SP.</i>	2
COMMON FIVE-LINED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON FASCIATUS</i>	1
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	9
NORTHERN COTTONMOUTH	<i>AGKISTRODON PISCIVORUS</i>	8
SOUTHERN WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA FASCIATA</i>	1
DIAMOND-BACKED WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA RHOMBIFER</i>	3
ROUGH GREENSNAKE	<i>OPHEODRYS AESTIVUS</i>	5
FALSE MAP TURTLE	<i>GRAPTEMYS PSEUDOGEOGRAPHICA</i>	1
RIVER COOTER	<i>PSEUDEMYS CONCINNA</i>	1 (SHELL)
EASTERN MUSK TURTLE	<i>STERNOTHERUS ODORATUS</i>	3