



13TH ANNUAL SPRING L.A.R.E. FIELD TRIP

APRIL 27, 2025

CAMP SALMEN
NATURE PARK



BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): TENLEY GLORIOSO, MELITA GLORIOSO, BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO, MASON BRYAN, MATT SIEJA, ROGER OHLSSON, JASON PUMA, ZEB MAYHEW IV, ZEB MAYHEW III, RUSSELL ANDERSON, KEN CULCULLI, SAMANTHA BERGERON **FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** GARRETT GLORIOSO, ERIN BRYAN, ELI BRYAN, CHEYANNA WORKMASTER, PILAR SIMON, CARMEN SIMON, LUCE SIMON, ANGELICA CORTEZ, HENRY ANDERSON, RACHEL CULCULLI, KADY BERGERON **NOT PICTURED** MICAH CEFALU, ALEX LANDRY

TRIP DETAILS

The group met at 9:00 a.m. at the parking area of Camp Salmen Nature Park in Slidell. For most attending the trip it was our first time on the trails at this park. After our short talk and group photo we quickly saw the slider and alligator in the bayou along with some other common species. We heard Cope's Gray Treefrogs calling throughout the trip. Our first nice find of the day was a very outgoing Three-toed Box Turtle on the edge of the forest munching down on some dewberries. Everyone got a chance to take photos of this cutie. We later found another box turtle off the boardwalk in the dry gum swamp. In the gum swamp, we also tracked down and captured a speedy racer which was a group favorite. The gum swamp was the only place we found salamanders, capturing two dwarf salamanders and three slimy salamanders. Towards the end of the trip we found the cottonmouth and, after several people left, a handful of us checked out one new area and found the watersnake. Overall, the thirteenth L.A.R.E. spring field trip was a great success with 25 attendees. We detected at least 18 species of amphibians and reptiles from all major groups of herps in Louisiana. Everyone seemed to enjoy the trip!

AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

EASTERN DWARF SALAMANDER	<i>EURYCEA QUADRIDIGITATA</i>	2
MISSISSIPPI SLIMY SALAMANDER	<i>PLETHODON MISSISSIPPI</i>	3
CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS SP.</i>	2
COPE'S GRAY TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CHRYSOSCELIS</i>	(CALLING ONLY)
GREEN TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CINEREA</i>	1
GULF COAST TOAD	<i>INCILIUS NEBULIFER</i>	6
AMERICAN BULLFROG	<i>LITHOBATES CATESBEIANUS</i>	1
GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	2
AMERICAN ALLIGATOR	<i>ALLIGATOR MISSISSIPPIENSIS</i>	1
GREEN ANOLE	<i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i>	2
TOOTHY SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON SP.</i>	6
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	5
NORTHERN COTTONMOUTH	<i>AGKISTRODON PISCIVORUS</i>	1
NORTH AMERICAN RACER	<i>COLUBER CONSTRICTOR</i>	1
SOUTHERN WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA FASCIATA</i>	1
WESTERN RIBBONSNAKE	<i>THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS</i>	1
THREE-TOED BOX TURTLE	<i>TERRAPENE TRIUNGUIS</i>	2
POND SLIDER	<i>TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA</i>	1