



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

AUGUST 2, 2025

LAKE BISTINEAU STATE PARK



LEFT TO RIGHT (BACK ROW): RON BUTLER, MASON BRYAN, CHRIS KINGWILL, CHRISTINA CALCATERRA, AUDREY WITHERINGTON, BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO, JASON PUMA, DYLAN ALLEN, ETIENNE FALQUET, LILY JONSEK, KATHE MANAGAN, DOMINIC MUGUIRA, BETH AEGERTER **LEFT TO RIGHT (FRONT ROW):** ELI BRYAN, ERIN BRYAN, MICAH CEFALU, CHEYANNA WORKMASTER, ANDREW EARL-ALLEN, LUCY EARL-ALLEN, JULIA EARL, ERICA HAMER, VIVIAN HAMER **NOT PICTURED:** TAYLOR SEYBERT, KEILAND MANAGAN, AUGUSTUS HAMER

TRIP DETAILS

The group met at 5:30 p.m. at the large parking area near the boat launch. For most attending the trip it was their first time at this park. After our short talk and group photo we began searching a skinny finger of the lake near the parking lot and quickly saw the first of many cricket frogs and Plestiodon skins and our first snake of the day, a Western Ribbonsnake. We also found a juvenile Plain-bellied Watersnake here. We then took the trail to the west of the parking lot, finding a Green Treefrog, a Speckled Kingsnake in a pile of cinder blocks, and a juvenile Rough Greensnake at the trail edge. We headed back to the parking area off trail along the lakeside. After some folks left after our dinner break at the parking area, the rest of us put on our headlights or grabbed our flashlights and continued east of the parking lot along trails and fields looking for new species. We found a couple more Rough Greensnakes sleeping in the trees and several other species, including a bunch of Mediterranean Geckos on the bathroom buildings upon our return. The rest of us left the park about 10 p.m. Overall, the thirteenth L.A.R.E. summer field trip was a great success with 25 attendees. We detected at least 21 species of amphibians and reptiles from all major groups of herps in Louisiana. Everyone seemed to enjoy the trip!

AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

CATAHOULA DUSKY SALAMANDER	<i>DESMOGNATHUS CATAHOULA</i>	1
BLANCHARD'S CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS BLANCHARDI</i>	100+
FOWLER'S TOAD	<i>ANAXYRUS FOWLERI</i>	1 (CALLING)
COPE'S GRAY TREEFROG	<i>DRYOPHYTES CHRYSOSCELIS</i>	3 (CALLING)
GREEN TREEFROG	<i>DRYOPHYTES CINEREUS</i>	2
EASTERN NARROW-MOUTHED TOAD	<i>GASTROPHRYNE CAROLINENSIS</i>	(CALLING ONLY)
NORTH AMERICAN BULLFROG	<i>LITHOBATES CATESBEIANUS</i>	4 (TADPOLES)
NORTH AMERICAN GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	3 (CALLING)
SOUTHERN LEOPARD FROG	<i>LITHOBATES SPHENOCEPHALUS</i>	50+
AMERICAN ALLIGATOR	<i>ALLIGATOR MISSISSIPPIENSIS</i>	1
GREEN ANOLE	<i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i>	9
MEDITERRANEAN GECKO	<i>HEMIDACTYLUS TURCICUS</i>	8
TOOTHY SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON SP.</i>	23
COMMON FIVE-LINED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON FASCIATUS</i>	3
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	27
SPECKLED KINGSNAKE	<i>LAMPROPELTIS HOLBROOKI</i>	1
ROUGH GREENSNAKE	<i>OPHEODRYS AESTIVUS</i>	3
SOUTHERN WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA FASCIATA</i>	1
PLAIN-BELLIED WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA ERYTHROGASTER</i>	1
WESTERN RIBBONSNAKE	<i>THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS</i>	7
FALSE MAP TURTLE	<i>GRAPTEMYS PSEUDOGEOGRAPHICA</i>	1
POND SLIDER	<i>TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA</i>	3 (+3 SHELLS)