



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

NOVEMBER 8, 2025

WEST FELICIANA PARISH PARKS AND RECREATION

TRIP DETAILS



LEFT TO RIGHT (BACK ROW): BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO, CHRIS KINGWILL, ETIENNE FALQUET, BENJAMIN ROSS, SAMMY FELDER, KAYNE WEBB, KATRINA HASHAGEN, JASON PUMA, ROBERT MENDYK, PHILIP VANBERGEN, ERIC VANBERGEN, CJ HILLARD, LEE MORGAN **LEFT TO RIGHT (FRONT ROW):** CHUCK BATTAGLIA, JACK MORGAN, MICAH CEFALU, CHEYANNA WORKMASTER, YIPIN JOHNSON, KEVIN NARUM

The group met at 9:00 a.m. at the trailhead of "The Beast". We waited for a few folks who were running late to get there before we headed off after short introductions and a group photo. We quickly found what would become our most common herps of the day, Blanchard's Cricket Frogs and Little Brown Skinks. In a dried depression we came across our first snake, a very young Western Ribbonsnake. Several folks went into the shallow creek bed and turned up our first of 4 Northern Cottonmouths, this one a nicely patterned young adult. A juvenile cottonmouth was found shortly thereafter on top of the bank. As the sun came out Bones spotted and captured a large racer basking in a sunspot just off the trail. Its eyes were about as cloudy as can be, and was a fairly chill snake for a racer. We ended up spotting a couple more racers later. We saw several nice Fowler's Toads and one large Gulf Coast Toad, as well as both exotic direct-developing frogs in Louisiana. Considered by some to be the best find of the trip was a nice Pickerel Frog found by Katrina. We were able to capture it and many got photographs of this less often observed anuran in Louisiana. The trip ended a little earlier than usual at 1:30 p.m. Overall, the thirteenth L.A.R.E. fall field trip was a success with 19 attendees. We detected at least 15 species of amphibians and reptiles. Everyone seemed to enjoy the trip to an area with a bit more up and down hiking!

AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

BLANCHARD'S CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS BLANCHARDI</i>	39
FOWLER'S TOAD	<i>ANAXYRUS FOWLERI</i>	7
GREEN TREEFROG	<i>DRYOPHYTES CINEREUS</i>	1
RIO GRANDE CHIRPING FROG	<i>ELEUTHERODACTYLUS CAMPI</i>	2
GREENHOUSE FROG	<i>ELEUTHERODACTYLUS PLANIROSTRIS</i>	1
GULF COAST TOAD	<i>INCILIUS NEBULIFER</i>	1
NORTH AMERICAN GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	2
PICKEREL FROG	<i>LITHOBATES PALUSTRIS</i>	1
SPRING PEEPER	<i>PSEUDACRIS CRUCIFER</i>	(CALLING ONLY)
GREEN ANOLE	<i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i>	15
TOOTHY SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON SP.</i>	2
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	39
NORTHERN COTTONMOUTH	<i>AGKISTRODON PISCIVORUS</i>	4
NORTH AMERICAN RACER	<i>COLUBER CONSTRICTOR</i>	3
WESTERN RIBBONSSNAKE	<i>THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS</i>	1