



# 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WINTER L.A.R.E. FIELD TRIP

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

## GUM SPRINGS CAMPGROUND AND PICNIC AREA

WINN DISTRICT, KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

### TRIP DETAILS

The group met at 10:00 a.m. at the parking lot of the Kisatchie offices for the Winn Ranger District. 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 walked across the highway and began searching around the small pond we quickly came upon, finding a Broad-banded Watersnake near the edge. Much of the forest had been recently burned and some spots were still smoldering. Herping was a little slow, but we turned up some of the more common frogs and lizards. We were also able to find seven Western Dwarf Salamanders throughout the day. We hiked to the large pond and there we heard and were able to find a couple Cajun Chorus Frogs, and we found a large River Cooter shell next to the pond. The trip ended about 2:30 p.m. Though herping was a little slower than we would have liked, it was a beautiful day and an area none of us had ever been. The thirteenth L.A.R.E. winter field trip had 19 attendees, six of which were kids. We detected 11 species of amphibians and reptiles. Everyone seemed to enjoy the trip!



**LEFT TO RIGHT (BACK ROW):** LUCY EARL-ALLEN, JULIA EARL, DYLAN ALLEN, ANDRHEA MASSEY, AVERY WILLIAMS, AUDREY WITHERINGTON, JOHN POSEY, ETIENNE FALQUET, CHRIS KINGWILL, JASON PUMA, PHILIP VANBERGEN, RYAN MORSE, REEGAN MORSE, MCKENZIE MCKAY, RAYNER MORSE **LEFT TO RIGHT (FRONT ROW):** ANDREW EARL-ALLEN, GARRETT GLORIOSO, BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO, CHEYANNA WORKMASTER

## AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

WESTERN DWARF SALAMANDER	<i>EURYCEA PALUDICOLA</i>	7
BLANCHARD'S CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS BLANCHARDI</i>	5
NORTH AMERICAN GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	7 (TADPOLES)
SOUTHERN LEOPARD FROG	<i>LITHOBATES SPHENOCEPHALUS</i>	1 (DEAD)
CAJUN CHORUS FROG	<i>PSEUDACRIS FOUQUETTEI</i>	2 (CALLING)
GREEN ANOLE	<i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i>	6
COMMON FIVE-LINED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON FASCIATUS</i>	3
PRAIRIE LIZARD	<i>SCELOPORUS CONSOBRINUS</i>	2
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	8
SOUTHERN WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA FASCIATA</i>	1
RIVER COOTER	<i>PSEUDEMYS CONCINNA</i>	1 (SHELL ONLY)