



14TH ANNUAL SPRING L.A.R.E. FIELD TRIP

APRIL 25, 2026

FRENCHTOWN ROAD CONSERVATION AREA



LEFT TO RIGHT: KATRINA HASHAGEN, YIPIN JOHNSON, RACHEL CUCULLU, JULIE CUCULLU, CHEYANNA WORKMASTER, JASON PUMA, JACK REILLEY, JESSICA MCDANIEL, LEE MORGAN, JACK MORGAN, MICAH CEFALU, WYATT RICOUARD, ZEB MAYHEW III, BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO **NOT PICTURED:** KATHE MANAGAN, KEILAND MANAGAN, ETIENNE FALQUET

TRIP DETAILS

The group met at 9:00 a.m. at the parking area near the nature station. After our short talk and group photo we began searching around the adjacent pond, picking up some watersnakes and sliders. Heading into the nearby forest we quickly picked up our first of 18 Ring-necked Snakes along with a nice Box Turtle among many other species. Eventually we were able to find several Three-lined Salamanders, a target of the trip. The venomous snakes were out with 6 cottonmouths and 3 copperheads detected. With the help of some folks dipnetting the pond for invertebrates by the nature station for the coincident City Nature Challenge we picked up several newts. The trip ended about 3:30 p.m. Overall, the fourteenth L.A.R.E. spring field trip was a great success with 17 attendees. We detected 30 species of amphibians and reptiles, including 42 individual snakes of 8 species! Everyone seemed to enjoy the trip!

AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

THREE-LINED SALAMANDER	<i>EURYCEA GUTTOLINEATA</i>	5
EASTERN NEWT	<i>NOTOPHTHALMUS VIRIDESCENS</i>	1 (LARVAE)
CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS SP.</i>	30+(CALLING)
FOWLER'S TOAD	<i>ANAXYRUS FOWLERI</i>	11
COPE'S GRAY TREEFROG	<i>DRYOPHYTES CHRYSOSCELIS</i>	1 (CALLING)
GREEN TREEFROG	<i>DRYOPHYTES CINEREUS</i>	3 (CALLING)
RIO GRANDE CHIRPING FROG	<i>ELEUTHERODACTYLUS CAMPI</i>	6
EASTERN NARROW-MOUTHED TOAD	<i>GASTROPHRYNE CAROLINENSIS</i>	6
GULF COAST TOAD	<i>INCILIUS NEBULIFER</i>	8
NORTH AMERICAN GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	16 (TADPOLES)
SOUTHERN LEOPARD FROG	<i>LITHOBATES SPHENOCEPHALUS</i>	2
SPRING PEEPER	<i>PSEUDACRIS CRUCIFER</i>	5
CAJUN CHORUS FROG	<i>PSEUDACRIS FOUQUETTEI</i>	1
TOOTHY SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON SP.</i>	7
COMMON FIVE-LINED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON FASCIATUS</i>	1
BROAD-HEADED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON LATICEPS</i>	2
PRAIRIE LIZARD	<i>SCeloporus CONSOBRINUS</i>	9
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	8
EASTERN COPPERHEAD	<i>AGKISTRODON CONTORTRIX</i>	3
NORTHERN COTTONMOUTH	<i>AGKISTRODON PISCIVORUS</i>	6
NORTH AMERICAN RACER	<i>COLUBER CONSTRICTOR</i>	2
RING-NECKED SNAKE	<i>DIADOPHIS PUNCTATUS</i>	18
PLAIN-BELLIED WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA ERYTHROGASTER</i>	6
SOUTHERN WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA FASCIATA</i>	2
WESTERN RIBBONSNAKE	<i>THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS</i>	4
COMMON GARTERSNAKE	<i>THAMNOPHIS SIRTALIS</i>	1
NORTH AMERICAN SNAPPING TURTLE	<i>CHELYDRA SERPENTINA</i>	1
EASTERN MUD TURTLE	<i>KINOSTERNON SUBRUBRUM</i>	1
FALSE MAP TURTLE	<i>GRAPTEMYS PSEUDOGEOGRAPHICA</i>	1
BOX TURTLE	<i>TERRAPENE SP.</i>	1
POND SLIDER	<i>TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA</i>	4