



# 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER L.A.R.E. FIELD TRIP

AUGUST 15-16, 2015

## BIG BRANCH MARSH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



**BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** BRADLEY WAGSTAFF, ROYAL TYLER, BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO, PHILIP VANBERGEN, NICK LINDNER, HAYLEY GRAHAM  
**FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** KIMBERLY TERRELL, JAN HANKINS, JANE SCHAUER, ERIC VANBERGEN

### TRIP DETAILS

The Summer LARE trip to Big Branch was a huge success. We met up on Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m. (left picture) and herped until about midnight. We met at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday (right picture) and herped until about noon. There were some rain showers Saturday afternoon before the field trip, and it rained much of Sunday during our morning hike. Despite the weather, we had 13 individuals between the two days attend, and we detected 29 unique species. We observed and/or heard many of the frogs that can be found in the area. The highlights of the field trip by far, however, were the beautiful Pygmy Rattlesnake found on the road Saturday night, and the juvenile Eastern Glass Lizard captured on the trail Sunday morning.



**LEFT TO RIGHT:** DOUG DIETRICH, BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO, JANE SCHAUER, ZEB MAYHEW III, ZEB MAYHEW IV, LINDY MUSE, KIMBERLY TERRELL, ERIC VANBERGEN, PHILIP VANBERGEN

## AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

EASTERN CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS CREPITANS</i>	1 (CALLING)
SOUTHERN CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS GRYLLUS</i>	24 (CALLING)
OAK TOAD	<i>ANAXYRUS QUERCICUS</i>	(CALLING)
GREENHOUSE FROG	<i>ELEUTHERODACTYLUS PLANIROSTRIS</i>	(CALLING)
EASTERN NARROW-MOUTHED TOAD	<i>GASTROPHRYNE CAROLINENSIS</i>	(CALLING)
COPE'S GRAY TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CHRYSOSCELIS</i>	(CALLING)
GREEN TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CINEREA</i>	28 (CALLING)
PINE WOODS TREEFROG	<i>HYLA FEMORALIS</i>	(CALLING)
SQUIRREL TREEFROG	<i>HYLA SQUIRELLA</i>	(CALLING)
GULF COAST TOAD	<i>INCILIUS NEBULIFER</i>	6
GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	5 (CALLING)
PIG FROG	<i>LITHOBATES GRYLIO</i>	24 (CALLING)
SOUTHERN LEOPARD FROG	<i>LITHOBATES SPHENOCEPHALUS</i>	23

AMERICAN ALLIGATOR	<i>ALLIGATOR MISSISSIPPIENSIS</i>	2
GREEN ANOLE	<i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i>	24
EASTERN GLASS LIZARD	<i>OPHISAURUS VENTRALIS</i>	1
TOOTHY SKINKS	<i>PLESTIODON SP.</i>	5
COMMON FIVE-LINED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON FASCIATUS</i>	1
SOUTHEASTERN FIVE-LINED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON INEXPECTATUS</i>	1
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	39

COTTONMOUTH	<i>AGKISTRODON PISCIVORUS</i>	1 (DOR)
NORTH AMERICAN RACER	<i>COLUBER CONSTRICTOR</i>	1 (DOR)
MISSISSIPPI GREEN WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA CYCLOPION</i>	2
PLAIN-BELLIED WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA ERYTHROGASTER</i>	1
BROAD-BANDED WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA FASCIATA</i>	2
DIAMOND-BACKED WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA RHOMBIFER</i>	1
PYGMY RATTLESNAKE	<i>SISTRURUS MILIARIUS</i>	1
DEKAY'S BROWNSNAKE	<i>STORERIA DEKAYI</i>	1
WESTERN RIBBONSNAKE	<i>THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS</i>	4
POND SLIDER	<i>TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA</i>	7