



# 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SPRING L.A.R.E. FIELD TRIP

APRIL 13, 2013

CYPRESS ISLAND PRESERVE  
(LAKE MARTIN)



**BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** VLADIMIR DINETS, BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO, PHILIP VANBERGEN, JEROMI HEFNER **FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** BEANIE VILLERMIN, ERIC VANBERGEN, KYLYAN VILLERMIN **NOT PICTURED:** MEGHAN HOLDER

## TRIP DETAILS

The group met at 9:00 a.m. for the field trip and herped until the early afternoon. Water temperatures were cool and air temps were in the low 50s the previous night peaking in the high 70s on the afternoon of the trip. We checked a bunch of minnow traps and turtle hoop nets Jeromi and Bones had set the day before. Captures from these efforts were few: most of the newts and a hatchling Eastern Musk Turtle were captured from the minnow traps, whereas an adult Eastern Musk Turtle and a Three-toed Amphiuma were the only captures in turtle hoop nets. The other turtles and alligators were observed basking. We saw plenty of snakes, but diversity was low, likely due to the cool nights. All in all, a good inaugural trip for the L.A.R.E. group with 21 species of amphibians and reptiles detected!

## AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

THREE-TOED AMPHIUMA	<i>AMPHIUMA TRIDACTYLUM</i>	2
EASTERN NEWT	<i>NOTOPHTHALMUS VIRIDESCENS</i>	18
BLANCHARD'S CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS BLANCHARDI</i>	2 (CALLING)
COPE'S GRAY TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CHRYSOSCELIS</i>	CALLING ONLY
GREEN TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CINEREA</i>	CALLING ONLY
AMERICAN BULLFROG	<i>LITHOBATES CATESBEIANUS</i>	CALLING ONLY
GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	12 (CALLING)
PIG FROG	<i>LITHOBATES GRYLIO</i>	CALLING ONLY
SOUTHERN LEOPARD FROG	<i>LITHOBATES SPHENOCEPHALUS</i>	1
AMERICAN ALLIGATOR	<i>ALLIGATOR MISSISSIPPIENSIS</i>	6
GREEN ANOLE	<i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i>	35
COMMON FIVE-LINED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON FASCIATUS</i>	2
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	54
MISSISSIPPI GREEN WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA CYCLOPION</i>	2
BROAD-BANDED WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA FASCIATA</i>	18
DIAMOND-BACKED WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA RHOMBIFER</i>	4
WESTERN RIBBONSNAKE	<i>THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS</i>	18
SNAPPING TURTLE	<i>CHELYDRA SERPENTINA</i>	1
RIVER COOTER	<i>PSEUDEMYS CONCINNA</i>	7
EASTERN MUSK TURTLE	<i>STERNOTHERUS ODORATUS</i>	2
POND SLIDER	<i>TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA</i>	18