



5TH ANNUAL SPRING L.A.R.E. FIELD TRIP

APRIL 9, 2017

WOODLANDS CONSERVANCY



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TRIP DETAILS

We met at 10:00 a.m. at the trailhead at the Woodlands Conservancy. It was cool the night prior but we were expecting it to be a nice and warm, sunny day. We were expecting a large group and were not disappointed with 24 attendees with quite a few first-timers. Our biggest goal of this trip was the Timber Rattlesnake, which we have never found on any of our field trips to date. We took the short trail first and things started off slow. Then a shed snake skin was found that was obviously a small Timber Rattlesnake from its patterning. A good sign! We continued on and started finding several Gray Ratsnakes and Plain-bellied Watersnakes. Surprisingly we did not see that many frogs, but we did see a good bit of lizards along with a few turtles. A few folks had to leave a little early and on their way back they found a beautiful Timber Rattlesnake crossing the trail that many of us had walked earlier. Unfortunately most everyone did not get to see the animal but at least pictures were taken. We detected 25 species in total, with 26 total snakes! Everyone seemed to have a great time!

AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

EASTERN CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS CREPITANS</i>	10 (CALLING)
EASTERN NARROW-MOUTHED TOAD	<i>GASTROPHRYNE CAROLINENSIS</i>	2
COPE'S GRAY TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CHRYSOSCELIS</i>	CALLING ONLY
GREEN TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CINEREA</i>	1 (CALLING)
SQUIRREL TREEFROG	<i>HYLA SQUIRELLA</i>	1
GULF COAST TOAD	<i>INCILIUS NEBULIFER</i>	3
GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	2 (CALLING)
SOUTHERN LEOPARD FROG	<i>LITHOBATES SPHENOCEPHALUS</i>	1
CAJUN CHORUS FROG	<i>PSEUDACRIS FOUQUETTEI</i>	2
AMERICAN ALLIGATOR	<i>ALLIGATOR MISSISSIPPIENSIS</i>	1
GREEN ANOLE	<i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i>	6
COMMON FIVE-LINED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON FASCIATUS</i>	2
BROAD-HEADED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON LATICEPS</i>	3
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	24
COTTONMOUTH	<i>AGKISTRODON PISCIVORUS</i>	5
NORTH AMERICAN RACER	<i>COLUBER CONSTRICTOR</i>	5
TIMBER RATTLESNAKE	<i>CROTALUS HORRIDUS</i>	1
RING-NECKED SNAKE	<i>DIADOPHIS PUNCTATUS</i>	5
GLOSSY SWAMPSNAKE	<i>LIODYTES RIGIDA</i>	1
MISSISSIPPI GREEN WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA CYCLOPION</i>	1
PLAIN-BELLIED WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA ERYTHROGASTER</i>	3
ROUGH GREENSNAKE	<i>OPHEODRYS AESTIVUS</i>	2
GRAY RATSNAKE	<i>PANTHEROPHIS SPILOIDES</i>	3
RIVER COOTER	<i>PSEUDEMYIS CONCINNA</i>	1
POND SLIDER	<i>TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA</i>	4