



*The students in Mrs. Donna Mayard's Belle Chasse Primary School third grade class were the first to be introduced to the Urban Forestry presentation on native and non-native species by Woodlands Trail and Park, Inc. last month. The presentation was partially funded through a grant from the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. With the assistance of Louisiana's Natural Heritage program staff, Woodlands Trail and Park, located in Belle Chasse near the primary school, has identified native and non-native species in the urban forest that will soon contain the Woodlands Trail—America's Wetland Birding Trail. With partial funding from the Entergy Environmental Stewardship grant and funding from Bennett's Camera and Video in Metairie, Woodlands has developed a Power Point presentation to introduce students to species they will see along Woodland Trail and in their backyards.*