April 23, 2020

The annual “ENVA FROGWALK” is a very enjoyable introduction to the fascinating nightlife of a Louisiana swamp – namely, the Coquille Trail of the Jean Lafitte National Historic Park & Preserve. We walk the trails, examine nightlife using our headlights, discussing the marvels of nature that we encounter, and acclimating everyone to being in a swamp under nocturnal conditions. We will discuss every portion of swamp life to which we are exposed, but the emphasis is always on frogs and their voices, alligators, and spiders. Watch for an announcement for the next adventure and put it on your calendar. Love to have you along for the fun. Led by Drs. Aimée K. Thomas and Robert A. Thomas.

Below is a listing of our animal observations in 2019 on the Frog walk:

MOLLUSKS

Bivalvia (clams):

Rangia clam, *Rangia cuneata* - native

Gastropoda (snails):

Asian trampsnail, *Bradybaena smilaris* - introduced

INSECTS

Eastern lubber grasshopper, *Romalea microptera* – native

Crane fly, *Tipula* sp. - native

Spittlebug – native

SPIDERS

Starbellied orbweaver spider, *Acanthapeira stellata* – native

Funnel weaver, grass spider, *Agelenopsis* sp. – native

Garden spider*, Argiope aurantia* - native

Tube-dwelling spider, *Ariadna bicolor* – Segestriidae - native

Dark fishing spider, *Dolomedes tenebrosus* - native

Six-spotted fishing spider, *Dolomedes triton* - native

Spinybacked orbweaver spider, *Gasteracantha cancriformis* - native

Wolf spider, *Hogna (=Lycosa) sp.* - native

Orchard spider, *Leucauge venusta* - native

Golden silk orbweaver spider, *Nephila clavipes* - native

Long-jawed orbweaver, *Tetragnatha elongata* - native

Tiger wolf spider, *Tigerosa georgicola* - native

Featherlegged spider, *Uloborus glomosus* - native

**VERTEBRATES**

AMPHIBIANS: FROGS

Blanchard’s cricketfrog, *Acris blanchardi [syn crepitans]* - native

Bird-voiced treefrog, *Dryophytes (Hyla) avivoca* - native

Green treefrog, *Dryophytes (Hyla) cinerea* – native

Squirrel treefrog, *Dryophytes* (*Hyla) squirellus* - native

Eastern narrowmouth toad, *Gastrophryne carolinensis* - native

Bronze frog, *Lithobates (Rana) clamitans* - native

Pig frog, *Lithobates (Rana) grylio* - native

REPTILES: LIZARDS

Green anole, *Anolis carolinensis* - native

Brown anole, *Norops sagrei* – introduced, invasive

REPTILES: CROCODILIANS

American alligator, *Alligator mississippiensis* - native

BIRDS

Barred owl – native – fledgling vocalizing, adults seen and also vocalizing

MAMMALS

Nine-banded armadillo, *Dasypus novemcinctus* - native