

# CAS Spring Field Trip Report



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On a gloriously sunny Saturday, four keen birders met in Niceville and headed north to the 7 Pines Native Plant Nursery. Dara and Lloyd Dobson were most hospitable and welcomed us to their 240-acre property north of DeFuniak Springs. Not only did the rolling vistas greet us, but the variety of habitats was fascinating. A large water moccasin was seen swimming in the lake. We had John, a visitor with us who is a biologist with an interest in insect eyes. So, although our bird count was, by Don Ware's standards, pretty low, we learned about the insects and insectivorous plants that we observed. A highlight of the visit was a splendid Fox Squirrel who fearlessly lay, leopard style, on a tree branch above us. Dave Clauson took this photograph (next page) which clearly shows this beautiful beast's coloration and every hair. We bought some of Dara's native plants and headed home just after noon.



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