

**Malcolm F. Vidrine** is a biologist, who earned a B. S. and an M. S. in Zoology at Louisiana State University in 1970 and 1974, respectively, and a Ph.D. in Biology at University of Louisiana-Lafayette (then University of Southwestern Louisiana) in 1980. He has worked with Gulf South Research Institute on armadillos and Hansen's disease, with the Jefferson Davis Parish Mosquito Abatement District on mosquito control and biology/ecology of rice fields and with LSU-Eunice as professor. He has published 10 books, more than 100 scientific papers and 10 popular articles. His research varies from wildflowers to butterflies, freshwater mussels, aquatic mites and mosquitoes. Sustainable landscaping and agriculture are recent areas of research. His 10<sup>th</sup> book is entitled *The Cajun Prairie: A Natural History* (2010). He was with Dr. Charles Allen, when Charles rediscovered remnant prairies in southwest Louisiana. Dr. Vidrine has visited, photographed and studied each of the relict prairie remnants that were found along railroad rights-of-way in southwestern Louisiana. He also directly participated in the reconstruction of 3 prairies (the Cajun Prairie Restoration Project in Eunice, the LSU-Eunice Prairie Project and his own Cajun Prairie Gardens). He has published many photographs and drawings as evidence of scientific events and changes and species.