**Taking a Walk on the Wild Side**

Location of expedition: Swampy area near the walking trail around my apartment complex in northern Louisiana.

1. Fungi: Pear-Shaped Puffball, found growing on a damp, probably rotting, log
2. Fungi: Common white cap mushroom, found in the grass, close to wear I narrowly avoid some dog poop a week ago
3. Plantae, Angiosperm: Southern Magnolia, found near our dog park in full bloom
4. Plantae, Angiosperm: Some kind of oak tree (possibly white), found during the chlorophyll experiment trapped in growing area in the parking lot
5. Plantae, Fern: Green fern whose leaves look oddly similar to cilantro, found peaking out of the swampy area behind the apartment complex
6. Plantae,
7. Animalia, Arthropod: Moderately sized brownish jerk of a spider who keeps using my car as an anchoring point for its webs (I know he’s just trying to make a living, but come on man…)
8. Animalia, Arthropod: House fly, found repeatedly flying near my dinner. Note: local house fly’s seem to be particularly aggressive
9. Animalia, Annelid: Common earth worm, found littered on the sidewalk after any major rain storm
10. Animalia, Amphibian: 8-inch wide greenish-brownish turtle that lives in the apartment’s water feature with their family (they’re very skittish)
11. Animalia, Bird: Egret (or at least a white bird with long legs that hangs out in the swampy water), often found chilling in the swampy water or flying away whenever someone’s kids chase them off
12. Animalia, Fish: Light colored, 12-14 inch long (I swear it was THIS big!) fish that lives with the turtles in the apartment water feature. Living definition of “big fish, little pond”