Newport Forest   September 8-9 2001   1:30 - 5:30 pm (next day)

Weather: precip. 8 mm, LM 34 C, FCF 23 C, cloudy/hazy, gusting W wind
Purpose: maintenance - trails
Participants: Kee, Nic

This was the day that Nic had chosen to stay overnight in the trailer.

We had barely unloaded the new table that Pat had purchased for outdoor eating, etc., when Glen Jacobs showed up. We sat and had tea in the shade of a Black Maple near the trailer, then the three of us proceeded on a walk along the Fleming Creek Trail. It was nice to have Glen along, particularly as he taught me several new Delaware words, but it was also frustrating, because we would be unable to work. We found a scattering of Blue Jay feathers along the trail near Harvey's lot line. There were spatters of fresh blood near the base of a tree nearby. Cat? Fox?

We completed that walk, then proceeded along the Blind Creek Trail, where we did some trimming with the brush hook and clippers as we walked. As we passed one of the swampier areas of the old creek bed, I went down into it on a sudden impulse. There, I was startled to see a *pink Katydid*. Nic and Glen came down to see it. Glen said, "Holeee..." It turns out that this is a known phenomenon, the so-called "pink morph of the Hump-backed Katydid (according to Stan Caveney). Completing our walk, Glen drove off and, as it was late, i prepared to do so, as well. I helped Nic set up the trailer for his stay, instructed him to try to identify some of the spiders he might see on the morrow, then left.

When I returned about five the next day, Nic had installed new stakes in most of the steps on that portion of the Fleming Creek Trail that leads from the trailer down to the bridge. He had conducted an animal watch, but had seen nothing. That morning, he had collected four spiders. I had the tricky job of identifying living specimens (which I released at home).

New Species

Lycosid spider	*Lycosa* sp.	ET/LM (on a plant)
Garden spider	*Araneus diadematus*	FCT-100
Marbled Orb Weaver	*A. marmoreus*	ET
Lycosid	unidentified	LM/trailer