

Newport forest

October 18 2001

1:50 - 5:30 pm

Weather: prec 30 mm, LM 22 C, FCF 15 C, S wind, sunny

Purpose: to introduce property to Pat's sister, Barbara Drechsler

Participants: Pat, Barb, Kee

We arrived on site to be greeted by a beautiful Redtail Hawk flying over Harvey's beanfield. (Later we saw two others flying over the NCF. I went down to the creek only to discover it was higher still than last time, about 3" above the upper C-clamp on the main trestle. (P) I filled the two feeders, noting a Sulphur butterfly as I passed the wood chip pile. Four Robins were perched in the lone Walnut next to the far feeder.

We decided to walk the new Fleming Creek trail. Barbara marvelled at the scenery and seemed to enjoy the walk very much. We passed another late butterfly on the way, a Cabbage White in the NCF. Just before entering Harvey's Woods, Barb spotted a fungus on a log near the trail. It looked a bit unusual, but I really didn't think it was a new species (until I got it home and discovered it to be a completely new fungus for us - Radiating Phlebia - see below). We completed the circuit and had just passed "The 180" when a magnificent GBH took off downstream. Less than a minute later we flushed four Mallards from the creek. They also took off downstream.

Back at the trailer we spotted a Red-bellied Woodpecker, a Chickadee, a White-breasted Nuthatch, a Goldfinch, and a Blue Jay. After a brief picnic, we headed down to the RL where Pat spied four White-throated Sparrows feeding in a bush near the upper landing. On the return, Barb and I went into the BCF about half a kilometer. Barb found a very nice bunch of mushrooms growing on a dead tree. These turned out to be Velvet-foots, a species already logged.

New species:

Radiating Phlebia

Phlebia radiata

NCF/HW bd/KD

Birds and Butterflies: Redtail Hawk, American Robin, Great Blue Heron, Mallard, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Chickadee, Goldfinch, Blue Jay, White-throated Sparrow;
Cabbage White, Sulphur