

**Newport Forest**

November 4 2001

1:50 - 5:00 pm

**Weather:** prec.. 8 mm; LM 20 C; FCF 13 C; breeze from NW, sunny

**Purpose:** maintenance, biowalk, gathering wands

**Participants:** Pat, Kee

On the way in, we “planted” a handful of wingstem seeds by the gate, just in case they took, providing a pretty setting for the entrance. We stopped by the nursery so that I could compulsively dig another row of sod.

We spotted about 8 crows over the NCF as we came down to the trailer. We then parked and began to work on the trailer, Pat taping along windows and covering any holes we could find. As I filled the Hickory and Walnut feeders, a GBH flew over the BCF on its way to the river.

We walked into BCF, observing Chickadees, a Red-breasted Nuthatch, and a White-breasted, as well. We went to the old Willow that Nic and I had examined in the previous visit. Being interested in how natives and pioneers made things, at and I then cut about 20 wands from the sprouts, reassuring ourselves that we were not violating the easement which clearly specifies individual organisms: we left the tree where it was.

We came up the HB from “behind” and sat for a while, observing what was probably the same Raccoon sunning itself in the same crotch of the same tree Nic and I had seen last visit. We then walked down through the RSF, hearing the squawk of a GBH ahead of us and startling two Mallards along the River’s edge into flight. When we came out into the first grassy clearing, I saw the GBH take off upriver, to land and stand for a while near the mouth of Fleming Creek before it took off again. Along the bank, we cut a variety of different branches from shrubs and small trees - another willow, some dogwoods and a few wands of Ninebark, as well.

Along Edgar’s Trail, we cut some roses. When we got back to the LM, Pat spotted a pair of Cardinals at the Walnut Feeder.