

Newport Forest

December 20

2:30 - 4:30 pm

Weather: prec. 12 mm, LM 2C, FCF 1C, overcast, var. winds from NW

Purpose: birdwatching

Participants: Pat, Kee

We went down to the creek. On the way, Pat spied two corn cobs, one half eaten, stowed in forks of two different trees between the trail and the creek. Squirrels? Raccoons? The creek level stands at just 2' below the bridge pipes. We watched a flight of ten crows flying over the FCF.

While Pat made coffee in the trailer, I filled the bird feeders, noting that one had broken. I re-hammered the two attaching nails. Eventually, we should replace these with more substantial affairs.

We then watched both feeders, noting two White-breasted Nuthatches and two Chickadees at the trailer feeder, one White-breasted Nuthatch and three Chickadees at the Walnut feeder. We then strolled down to the river where we saw four Canada Geese take off, startled by our appearance. Back at the trailer, we saw a Red-bellied Woodpecker and a Downy Woodpecker at the trailer feeder.

We left early in order to be at Eva's for supper.

Birds:

American Crow (10); Canada Geese (4); Chickadee (5) Downy Woodpecker (1); Red-bellied Woodpecker (1), White-breasted Nuthatch (3)