

Newport Forest

March 9 2002

2:10 - 5:15 pm

Weather: strong SW wind, ovcast, LM 12° C, FCF 11° C

Purpose: to line trails and plan forest plots

Participants: Kee, Nic

The property was so wet and greasy, we decided not to drive on to the LM, but to park at the tree station, instead. The colours of the FCF, as seen from the bluffs, were little short of amazing: subtle reds and blues, even greens, caught my eye and I took photos (2P).

we walked down to the trailer, filled the two bird feeders, and readjusted the suet in the wooden feeder. We went into the BCF and spent the better part of an hour adding more liner logs to the first 200 m of trail. In the course of this work, I found a black, bladder-like fungus which turned out to be Devil's Urn, a new fungus for us. We then went on to the HB to see if Lotor was home. No. So we left some DBs.

We spent the rest of our time on site in the RSF, walking two possible transects to see which would have the most representative species. In the course of walking the first line, angled to the SE in relation to the point bar, Nic discovered the shovel we had lost back in the summer of 2002. I told him there would be a reward -- such as a new field pack.

The second transect, running due south from the point bar, turned out to be the better choice, as it ran straight into the deep woods, where the woody species change dramatically to maples, hickories and beeches. In the course of our explorations of the point bar forest, Nic found several interesting fungi, one or two of which may be new.

Fungi:

Devil's Urn	<i>Urnula craterium</i>	BCF/ET
Thin Maze Polypore	<i>Daedaleopsis confragosa</i>	RSF/TR
Common Split-gill	<i>Schizophyllum commune</i>	RSF/TR
Two-tone Parchment	[<i>Laxitectum bicolor</i>]	RSF/TR
"Rust Crust"	(<i>phellinus ferruginosus</i>)	RSF/TR

Unfortunately, I could not identify the last two specimens with certainty