

Newport Forest

March 24 2002

2:20 - ?? pm

note: this entry was reconstructed from field notes 7 years after the fact

**Weather:** prec. 0 mm; calm; ovcast; LM 12° C; FCF 4° C

**Purpose:** preparing for tree-planting

**Participants:** Kee + ?

When I came in I found Harvey cutting trees at the east end of his bean field on the Fleming Line. At the TS I dug the borders of the two beds, then down to the trailer, where I filled the bird feeders and dug 10 2' dia. holes in a corner of the RZ -- preparatory to next week's planting. The soil there was soft and "forestry."

I walked the FCT, cleaning branch debris and noted that many liner logs are missing thanks to spring flooding. Grasses, sedges and spring ephemerals now sprouting now throughout the area. The creek is running green (P), thanks to the spring algal bloom.

I took some DBs up to the HB for Lotor, but didn't see him. While on the HB I heard Wild Turkeys in the LM. Back at the trailer, I saw chipmunks in the Nook

**Birds:** (9 - frequencies in report)

American Robin (Tr); Black-capped Chickadee (Tr); Blue Jay (LM); Dark-eyed Junco (Tr); Downy Woodpecker (Tr); Northern Cardinal (LM); Red-bellied Woodpecker (Tr); White-breasted Nuthatch (Tr); Wild Turkey (LM)