

Newport Forest

June 20 2002

2:00 - 7:00 pm

Weather: prec. 0 mm; sunny/hazy; SE lt/var; LM 31 (31); FCF 27 C

Purpose: "vacation"

Participants: Pat, Kee

We brought Junior with us as part of his release program (familiarization). Coming in, I watered the trees at the station (5 jugs) and found them no better or worse than during the last visit. At the trailer I installed the new thermometer box and rain gauge, the whole now resembling a Rube Goldberg device).

We took Junior on a 350 m walk along the Fleming Creek trail to a little sand/gravel bar on Fleming Creek where Junior could sample a less threatening part of the creek. It was fascinating to watch how he instinctively turned over stones and probed the mud for things to eat. He frequently brought paws to mouth with no discernible food item but clay or mud, nevertheless smacking his "lips."

We noticed a large smear of dried blood on the planking of the bridge. It appears some animal did a fair amount of bleeding here, but no sign of a corpse. It could have been a large fish caught by a Great Blue or perhaps a squirrel or raccoon caught by a predator of appropriate size. (?)

We returned to the trailer where Pat could relax. I went to survey the regen zone:

Island:	sp.	condition	growth	(may have missed 1 or 2 trees)
	RB	good	+8"	(survival in island: 86%)
	TA	good	+1"	
	WA	good	+10"	
	TT	dead or dormant		
	BH	good	+2"	
	CW	good	+4"	
	BH	dead/dormant		
	WA	good	+3"	
	HL	good	+2"	
	WE	good	+2"	
	TA	good	+2"	
	WA	good	+8"	
	CT	good	+5"	
	SM	okay	+2"	(twin of Lorne's memorial tree)

Edgar's Trail (survival along entrance to Edgar's Trail: 25%)

TT	dead/dormant	
TT	okay	+1"
FD	marginal	0 (overgrown by Wild Clematis)
FD	dead/dormant	

Triangle (survival in triangle: 84%)

FD	poor	+0"
FD	dead/dormant	
FD	okay	+1"
TA	dead/dormant	
TA	okay	+0.5"
TT	good	+1"
TA	okay	+0.5"
TT	okay	+0.5"
WA	good	+1" (lower sprouts only - frost damage)
TA	good	+1"
WE	good	+1.5"
WA	okay	+3"
BH	dead/dormant	
CW	good	+4"
BW	good	+2" (planted 2001)
BE	dead/dormant	
CW	good	+4"
WE	good	+2"
BH	okay	+1"
BE	good	+1"
BH	okay	+1"
BE	good	+1"
YB	okay	+0.5"
CW	good	+4"
BE	dead/dormant	
TT	good	+4"
BE	dead/dormant	
TA	good	+8"
WA	good	+1"
TA	good	+1"

WA	good	+	?	(planted 2001)
WA	okay			+0.5"
WA	good			+4"
BM	okay			+1"
TA	good			+5"
WA	good			+10"
CT	good			+5"
SY	good			+2"

I was surprised to find that three White Ash and two Black Walnuts had volunteered for the regen project!