

Newport Forest

July 10 2002

2:00 - 7:30 pm

Weather: prec. 0 mm; sunny; W < 5kmh; LM 27 C; FCF 23 C

Purpose: maintenance and tree survey

Participants: Kee, Nic

We brought Junior, as usual, and, while nic watched him, I went up to Nina Hurdle's to put up her rose trellis and check out two garden beds she'd like me to dig. She gave me an insect she'd caught in a plastic box.

Junior followed Nic and me down to the bridge and across to the Fleming Creek trail. This was a replay of the trail-clearing operation with Dylan on the previous visit, except this time, we only seemed to clear 100 metres of trail.

Back at the trailer, Junior had a very good meal of chicken, crackers, and half a bottle of cereal. He waddled, like a water-filled balloon, to the Black Maple up to his favorite sleeping hole. This gave Nic and me the opportunity to walk to the RSf and finish up Plot # 7 (See next page.)

While working in the plot, we both heard a very strange bird call, answered from another part of the forest. It consisted of a rapid trill of what can only be described a "knocking," followed by a wonderfully full-throated liquid call, a kind of slow warble. We had the impression of a large bird, but small birds can sometimes produce that volume.

Returning, I again inspected the bush/tree at metre 470 along the BC trail. Could it be anything but a Red Maple? At first I thought Maple-leaved Viburnum, but the leaves aren't quite right, having entire margins and being a little larger than MLV leaves.

Birds: (5)

Red-tailed Hawk (HB); Blue Jay (TR); American Robin (FCF); Red-winged Blackbird (LM); Killdeer (RL)

Butterflies: Meadow Fritillary (ET); Cabbage White (RL); Giant Swallowtail (LM)

New Species:

Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	BCF/m470 KD
Spotted Brown Lacewing	<i>Hemerobius stigma</i>	HP nh/KD

RSF Woody Survey - Plot #7

sp.	(angle, dist.)	dbh	cond.
BE	(100, 1.7 m)	43 cm	good
HT	(100, 3.0 m)	1 cm	marginal
BE	(135, 2.8 m)	22 cm	good
BE	(135, 9.8 m)	6 cm	good (largest of many shoots from prostrate log)
BE	(150, 10.2 m)	35 cm	good
HT	(150, 8.1 m)	5 cm	good
HT	(245, 3.4 m)	2 cm	good
HB	(245, 7.1 m)	58 cm	good
RBG	(245, 6.7 m)	3.5 c m	good
BC*	(245, 7.1 m)	0.5 cm	good
BW	(245, 9.9 m)	16 cm	good
WE	(260, 6.3 m)	16 cm	good
SE	(270, 8.2 m)	27 cm	good
SE	(305, 8.5 m)	31 cm	good
SE	(325, 8.4 m)	24 cm	good
WA	(330, 6.7 m)	10 cm	good
BE	(330, 3.4 m)	13 cm	good
BE	(340, 4.8 m)	22 cm	good

* Black Currant