

Newport Forest

December 19 2002

2:50 - 5:15 pm

Weather: prec. 2 cm snow; overcast; calm; LM 9 C; FCF 9 C

Purpose: maintenance

Participants: Kee, Nic

Arriving on site, we were greeted by a large Rough-legged Hawk that had been perched in the Gallery Forest above Fleming Creek. It flew across our track over to the BCF, where it watched us from an edge tree, flying off moments later.

Fleming Creek was up slightly, showing a moderate flow. The Fleming Creek deer feeder was still full, but the chip-pile feeder was half empty. We filled the bird feeders and the suet feeder.

We went to the river bluffs, inspected the new trail route, then began clearing it, Nic cutting brush with clippers and me smoothing out the lumps in the path. We walked the remainder of the trail over the HB and back to the trailer (no Lotor).

Birds: (3)

White-breasted Nuthatch (2-trailer); Rough-legged Hawk (1-LM); Northern Cardinal (2-trailer)