

Newport Forest

April 14 2003

1:00 - 6:45 pm

Weather: sunny/clear; SW < 15 kmh; LM 21 C; FCF 21 C

Purpose: tree-planting

Participants: Pat, Kee, Nic, Steve and Karen Logan

At the tree station, I put in 10 young trees from the home nursery: 5 BE, 5 SiM, while Steve dug two disks by Lorne's tree and Nic took the van up to Hurdles to get water.

Down in the LM, Nic, Steve and I cut 15 disks in both the island and the triangle while Pat and Karen took a short walk down to the river. On the way they saw a Cottontail. We then moved to the triangle and cut another 15 disks. We put tree-guards on all trees from last year that hadn't been girdled by mice and rabbits. Nic counted 27 survivors.

We took a break and then Nic, Steve and I planted the NB and larger Hb along the edge of the gallery forest. We planted the remaining HB along the edge of the BCF in the triangle.

Finished the relatively light planting, we took Karen around the western trail (RL/RSF/HB/BCF).

Birds: (17 spp)

American Crow (1 LM); American Robin (1 FCblffs); Black-capped Chickadee (2 Tr); Blue Jay (Tr); Brown-headed Cowbird (3 Tr); Downy Woodpecker (2 pr Tr); Eastern Bluebird (2 FCF); Eastern Towhee (1 BCF); Hairy Woodpecker (pr Tr); Mourning Dove (1 tr); Myrtle Warbler (1 FCF); Red-bellied Woodpecker (1 Tr); Red-tailed Hawk (1 RSF); Slate-coloured Junco (1 Tr); Tree Swallow (1 UM); Turkey Vulture (1 HBF); White-breasted Nuthatch (3 Tr);