

Newport Forest

April 26 2003

3:30 - 7:30 pm

Weather: sunny/clear; NNW < 40 kmh; LM 6 C; FCF 5 C

Purpose: tree planting

Participants: Kee, Nic, Steve & Karen Logan

After picking up the following trees at the Garden of Eden nursery, Nic and I drove to Newport Forest, where we met Steve and his wife:

2 BH 7'; 5 WA 4'; 5 WE 4'; 5 GA 4'; 10 LTA 3'

All trees had been ordered in pots or spuds to give them better protection from drought. The LTA were replacements for last year's mistake about aspens. The Garden of Eden gave me Quaking Aspens instead of the desired LTAs.

We split the order evenly between the South Core (formerly the "island") and the North Core (formerly the "triangle"). All new trees were planted carefully, wrapped in tree-guards (painted with a black patch to distinguish them from last year's planting). Each new tree received one whole jug of water. All of last year's trees received half a jug of water.

The two Bitternut Hickories were in very large pots and the weight of earth was so great that it took two of us to carry each pot to its site without getting a hernia.

after a brief lunch, we repaired to the creek to get the b ridge pipes into position. These proved difficult to move because the (sisal) rope kept breaking. Steve suggested that I get a good 100' nylon rope for the next attempt.

Birds: breeding pair (?) of Northern Cardinals