

Newport Forest

May 25 2003

2:30 - 8:30 pm

**Weather:** prec, 14 mm; overcast; SW < 5 kmh; LM 18 C; FCF 16 C; humid

**Purpose:** maintenance & birdwatching

**Participants:** Pat, Kee

We stopped at the tree station. happy to find everything leafing out or starting to. The dogwoods are all dead. Neither the soil nor the exposure did them any good. In fact, except for the Yellow Buckeye, which is doing very well, I can now cultivate all the soil in the west half of bed # 2.

We parked at the trailer, as usual and we went down Edgar's trail so that Pat could try out the new bench. She continued on the mouth of Fleming Creek while I went to work on the midstream trestle, essentially rebuilding it. After some dicey moments along the steep bank of Fleming Creek, Pat reported that no other bridge parts remained to be found. However, while searching from the banks, she found some interesting new plants, including a wood fern (unknown species) and a Plantain-leafed sedge, both plants new records for the site. At the RL, she noticed a number of BW and WA doing nicely along the upper bank east of the landing.

Along Edgar's trail at the edge of the LM, Pat spied a new BO nest.

**Birds: (27)**

American Crow (1 UM); American Robin (1 w. food UM); Baltimore Oriole (1m Tr); Black-capped Chickadee (1 BCF); Blue Jay (1 Tr); Blue-grey Gnatcatcher (1 RL); Bobolink (1 UM); Brown-headed cowbird (1 UM); Canada Goose (1 Tr); Catbird (1 ET); Common Yellowthroat (1 RL); Downy Woodpecker (2m 2f Tr); Eastern Meadowlark (2 UM); Eastern Towhee (1 GF); Grackle (1 UM); Great Blue Heron (1 IM); House Sparrow (1 UM); Mourning Dove (1 EW); Northern Cardinal (2m Tr); Red-bellied Woodpecker (2 Tr); Red-eyed Vireo (1 FCF); Rose-breasted Grosbeak (1m Tr); Song Sparrow (1 FC/EW); Tree Swallow (1 UM); Turkey Vulture (6 UM); White-breasted Nuthatch (1 Tr); Yellow Warbler (1 EW);

**New species: (3)**

House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	UM
Plantain-leafed Sedge	Sp. name pending	EW/FC
Wood Fern	<i>Dryopteris</i> sp.	EW/FC