

Newport Forest

June 26/03

1:40 - 6:35 pm

**Weather:** prec. 8 mm; clear; SW < 20 km/h; LM 26 C; FCF 22 C

**Purpose:** maintenance and plant survey

**Participants:** Pat, Kee, Nic, Dylan

While Pat went looking for sedges and ferns, Nic, Dylan and I worked on trails. We groomed the (new) trail along the river bluffs thoroughly and groomed the RSF trail partially, removing the worst of the new growth. In the BCF we added a few more logs and groomed the worst parts fairly thoroughly. (This may be the way to work in the future.)

At the trailer for a break, Pat mentioned that she had found undoubted examples of both the Intermediate and Marginal Wood Ferns (see below).

After the break, the three of us continued on the FC side of the property, grooming thoroughly from the bridge to the top of Tower Hill. Thereafter, we spot-groomed to the bird bench on TH. We cleared the worst parts of Harvey's Woods and more intensively throughout our side of the FC floodplain, all the way to the bridge.

On the second break, before departing, Pat showed us the nest tended by a male Rose-breasted Grosbeak. It contained a large, unfledged baby bird that, she thought, just might be the young of a Cowbird. She also saw an Indigo Bunting on a tree at the edge of HBF.

**Birds:** American Robin (Riv Blfs); Baltimore Oriole (1m Tr); Blue Jay (Tr); Bobolink (UM); Indigo Bunting (HBF/EW); Mourning Dove (pr HB); Northern Cardinal (1m Tr); Red-bellied Woodpecker (Tr); Red-winged blackbird (UM); Song Sparrow (UM); Turkey Vulture (HBF); White-breasted Nuthatch (FC/Br);

**Butterflies:** Cabbage White (LM); European Skipper (LM); Meadow Fritillary (RL); Orange Skipper (LM); Pearl Crescent (RL); Question Mark (RL);

### New Species

Intermediate Wood Fern

*Dryopteris intermedia*

EW/FC

Marginal wood Fern

*Dryopteris marginalis*

EW/FC