

Newport Forest

August 23 2003

2:10 - 8:20 pm

Weather: prec. 0 mm, clear, NNE < 10 kmh; LM 28 C; FCF 24 ZC

Purpose: watering & maintenance

Participants: Kee, Pat

I started a photography project today. We need good images of all the major locales within Newport Forest, so today I took fairly good quality photos of the BE and BM components of the RSF. I carried the canoe to the RL, startling a GBH at the other end of Mussel Beach. We took the canoe to Clam Island (nP), but the mussels shaols had all pretty much disappeared, with only an occasional isolated individual (nP). Returning to the RL, we hid the canoe and made our way into the RSF, where, after some difficulty and only because I had made a map of the plot, I located the stake fro Plot #7. I tagged it with fluorescent paint, but forgot to bring my marking pen and mallet. Pat, meanwhile had located a new (?) fungus which I identified later. I spotted a new caterpillar on a leaf beside the RSF trail:

(image here)

We continued out tour on the Thames River Trail after I smeared the Gauthier post near the bench heavily with catnip. I did the same to the post up on the HB while Pat searched for the ferns she had seen on the S side of the HB last year. Were they only there in the spring? Pat likes the new steps that Steve and I installed. I catnipped the BCF post, as well.

I watered 26 trees in the South Core and 35 trees in the North core. Some of the forest herbs are beginning to look a little wilted.

We went to visit Eva and her GGGCs, after which we returned to the property to put out some DBs and lock up.

New species:

Blushing Bracket	<i>Daedaleopsis confragosa</i>	RSF/bench pdKD
American Dagger Moth	<i>Acronicta americana</i>	RSF/E

Phenology: Goldenrods half into full bloom; Wingstem in full flower; Spotted Joe-pye Weed also in full bloom (very fragrant).