

Newport Forest

October 7 2003

2:35 - 7:00 pm

Weather: prec. 0 mm; clear; calm; LM 20 C; FCF 17 C

Purpose: tree planting and maintenance

Participants: Kee, Nic

At the tree station we removed some of the torn roof panels and dug up four Silver Maples. We worked the now empty bed, turning the soil, adding topsoil and sand, the turning and breaking the soil, then breaking the clods down to thumb-sized pieces. We then planted 50 Ohio Buckeye and 50 Yellow Buckeye (both presents from Bill Priecksaitis, whose neighbour has the nut-trees) under four cages.

We then went to the trailer and parked. Almost as soon as the engine grew quiet, I could hear two katydids calling from the BCF. We went off to the BCF ourselves, where we made a trail from ER in behind the collapsed Black Willow to an area of wide open canopy (and lots of MFR). We planted the four Silver Maples along this trail and watered them from the river.

Down at the riverbank, Nic spotted a large wolf track, which I measured at 9 cm (3.5") in width. The animal had taken a drink, then waded briefly before returning to dry land (and hard clay), where his track disappeared.

In the RSF Nic found a new mushroom along the trail. at the east end. (S) Up on the HB, Lotor lay in his tree, back to the rim, ears visible by their white outline. Coming off the HB, Nic found several interesting mushrooms when we attempted to roll a liner log back in position. (3S)

One of these was a small trumpet with a black top and yellow FS that was reticulate. (very unusual) The best find of the day was a cluster of large, brown mushrooms covered with dark scales. I thought* "Pholiota.")

New species:

"Teddy Bear"

Cortinarius pholideus
Pholiota [albocrenulata]

nm/KD HB/TRT/BCF
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See orig. field notes for descriptions of other finds.

* It was a cort. The *other* mushroom was a pholiota!