

Newport Forest

November 16 2003

1:50 - 6:10 pm

Weather: prec. 11 mm; calm; overcast/foggy; LM 7 C; FCF 6 C

Purpose: tree planting

Participants: Kee, Nic

We brought in 5 TT, 10 CA, 10 SB, 5 JB, and 2 RM, just purchased from Mathis Natvik. We filled all available seed feeders and put out ample forage for small mammals, as well as filled the two deer feeders. We had not been onsite for more than half an hour when Steve and Karen rolled in for their inspection tour, not realizing that we would be there.

On this occasion we planted

BC core: 2 TT, 2 SB, 1 JB, 1 CA

FC N core: 2 TT, 2 SB, 1 JB, 1 CA

FC S core: 1 TT, 2 SB, 1 JB, 1 CA

We barely got the trees located in the FC S core when it became too dark to continue planting.

Fleming Creek is back down to its customary level (wadable at the rapids) but the Thames is near the top of its banks and just covering Mussel Beach.

Steve reported that two elms blew down in BCF during the recent (80 kmh) windstorm. He showed me where a "big buck" had been trotting along Edgar's Road and slipped on the hard clay.

We left the unplanted trees in their pots by the trailer. I hope the nights will not bring freezing weather until they are all planted. Mathis warned me that if roots freeze it kills the tree.