

Newport Forest

March 19 2004

3:10 - 4:45 pm

Weather: prec. 7 mm.; clear/cloud; SW < 10 kmh; LM 6 C; FCF 8 C

Purpose: preparing for NCC volunteer day

Participants: Kee

The property continues wet, so I parked at the TS and brought in supplies and tools by wheelbarrow. (I had purchased new snow tires with extra large lugs to make the property more accessible, but the advantage over the old snows is only marginal.)

Fleming Creek is running normally again, the rapids being clearly visible. It is interesting to note that the water is actually relatively clear, at least down to a foot or so.

Somebody forgot to tie the decking units to the tree, so the latest flood carried them away. I saw one of the units lodged against some driftwood about 150 m downstream.

I took a break at the trailer and noted a *pair* of RBWPs at the feeder.

The ice, which had reformed on the Blind Creek pools, has reformed and is now melting again. The Thames is back down again, now running about 6" over the gravel bars.

Birds: (8)

American Crow (EW); Black-capped Chickadee (Tr); Canada Goose (Tr); Downy Woodpecker (BCF); Northern Cardinal (ER/LM); Red-bellied Woodpecker (Tr); Tundra Swan (FCF); White-breasted Nuthatch (Tr)

Phenology: small patches of snow remain.