Newport Forest

April 28 2004

2:10 - 5:30 pm

Weather: prec. 1 mm; sun/haze; calm; LM 12C; FCF 12 C

Purpose: put up bridge

Participants: Pat, Kee, Steve, Joel

Steve & Joel (Jacobs) were already on site when we arrived. I joined them to pull the two heavy (255 lbs each) pipes out over the creek. We put up the far trestle with its cradle, then pulled and lifted the pipes up onto it, where they lay flat. Steve said they had seen two American Woodcocks, one on ET, the other on the HB.

May 4 2004

2:00 - 7:15 pm

Weather: prec. 11 mm, ovcast; NNW < 20 kmh; LM 4 C; FCF 6 C

Purpose: to visit property and to visit Eva

Participants: Pat, Kee, Nic

Having redesigned the midstream trestle into a one-legged affair with a freely sliding 4x4 core (plus spacers), I had built it on the two previous days and now we brought it with us. We drove without trouble down to the trailer and deposited the trestle by the old Black Maple. Nic had come down from Peterborough to join us on this visit. He and I checked the trees in all the cores, while Pat birdwatched.

We had to leave the property early to dine with Eva and her grandson Rob & family. So we left Nic, even as Steve and Joel drove down to the trailer. We left them to cut the spacers for the new trestle and do whatever else they saw fit. Almost all the trees in the two cores look ready to "pop."

Birds (combined list): (10)

American Robin (FCF); American Woodcock (ET); Blue Jay (Tr); Common Flicker (FCG); Eastern Towhee (ET); Ruby-crowned Kinglet (ET); Red-bellied Woodpecker (Tr); Song Sparrow (UM); Turkey Vulture (BCF); White-breasted Nuthatch (Tr)

New species: (Stan has had time to examine the caddisflies I gave him.)

Case-making Caddisfly Hesperophylax sp. (fam. Limniphilidae) kdSC/BC Elderberry Sambucus canadensis kdPD/RSF/N