

Newport Forest

June 2 2004

2:00 - 7:20 pm

Weather: prec. 5.5 mm; overcast; calm; LM 19 C; FCF 16 C

Purpose: planting & maintenance

Participants: Kee

I brought in some trees from the bed at home: 1 Tamarack, 3 KC, 3 HB, 1 OB. I put the Tamarack and smallest KC in the TS. I also finished planting the RO, about 9, and weeded to nearly the end of Bed A. With the remaining trees I went down to the trailer and began a far-from-restful afternoon. First I filled the bird feeder with seed and the deer feeder with salt. Then I planted the 7 remaining trees in the LM. This is rather late to be planting, but I took extra care, watering them from the creek (which is now running more or less normally), and putting on plastic or bamboo guards, as appropriate: 2 KC; 1 OB; 3 HB. During my break, I spotted two chipmunks running between the trailer and the bird feeder.

Down at Fleming Creek, I checked the two TTs. They *may* be putting forth new leaves to replace the ones left by the flood. I crossed the creek to put salt in the deer lick, then went on to the GM test plot, where I cut the few remaining plants. I noticed that the plants dominating the plot at the moment were mostly nettles and kind of knotweed and a third species that I collected and promptly lost. I found a very nice patch of Canada Anemones between the bench and the plot. I then continued my walk, passing through Harvey's Woods and noting that it has become a *sea* of GM. Along Fleming Creek, I also noticed that the flooding had set the Gm back considerably. Checking the FCF, I saw that most of the Bitternuts in there were dying, as well! Steve showed up and we walked the TRT together, visiting the old Black Maple and catching a glimpse of a small raccoon tail. I left some DBs for their nightly foraging.

Birds: (14)

American Crow (EW); American Robin (GF); Blue Jay (Tr); Eastern Towhee (BCF); Field Sparrow (LM); Great Blue Heron (HBF); Great Crested Flycatcher (UM); Kildeer (LM); Mourning Dove (FCF); Red-bellied Woodpecker (Tr); Rose-breasted Grosbeak (Tr); Song Sparrow (UM); White-breasted Nuthatch (Tr); Wood Thrush (HW)

Phenology: field crickets starting to sing; Canada Anemones in full bloom; GM no longer flowering.