

Newport Forest

July 4 2004

12:35 - 6:35 pm

**Weather:** prec. 10 mm; overcast/rain; SW < 10; LM 22 C; FCF 22 C

**Purpose:** Annual Butterfly Count

**Participants:** Pat, Kee, Bill & Marjorie Prieksaitis; Bruce & Hayley Parker, Stan & Anita Caveney

It was a terrible day for the butterfly count, but I enjoyed the company of Bill in the trailer while the others walked to the river to see what they could see. It began to rain as we sat in the trailer talking about trees. Then Bill spied everyone running out of the BCF and making for the trailer.

Bruce and his daughter Hayley stayed for a while but I pleaded the wet bush as my excuse not to walk the trail. By 3:00 pm everyone had gone.

At the TS I replaced 20 chunks of bed with sand/topsoil.

**Butterflies:**

Cabbage White (LM); Eyed Brown (UM); Eastern comma (ET); European Skipper (LM); Great Spangled Fritillary (LM); Monarch (LM); Northern copper (LM); Least Northern Skipper (LM); Red Admiral (LM/GF); Summer Azure (LM); Tiger Swallowtail (LM); Wood Nymph (LM)

**Birds: (18)**

American Crow (BCF); American Robin (GF); Baltimore Oriole (LM); Blue Jay (GF); Bobolink (UM); Common Yellowthroat (LM); Eastern Towhee (ET); Field Sparrow (LM); Gray Catbird (ET); Meadowlark (UM); Mourning Dove (UM); Northern Cardinal (GF); Red-bellied Woodpecker (Tr); Red-winged Blackbird (UM); Rose-breasted Grosbeak (Tr); Song Sparrow (LM); Spotted Sandpiper\* (RL); Turkey Vulture (LM)

\* with fledged young