

Newport Forest

July 21 2004

1:50 - 8:15 pm

Weather: prec. 0 mm; sun/haze; SW < 10; LM 31 C; FCF 28 C

Purpose: to check planted trees

Participants: Kee

I weeded for 40 min at the TS, noting my little friend, the (big) Leopard Frog, was still there. Down in the LM, I filled the bird feeder, then went to check the cores. A WA in the NC looks bad, the leaves turning red/brown prematurely and beginning to curl. I also noted that young Silver Maples that don't retain their xanthophyll tend to develop necrotic spots on their leaves - presumably from UV damage.

Around 3 pm, Edgar showed up, driving a cart he'd been working on for the Wardsville Golf Course. This is not a golf cart, but a utility vehicle called an E-Z-GO, with a hydraulic dump box! I test-drove it. Very easy to handle, perhaps ideal for Pat.

Then Steve came. We walked the TRT together, "whacking weeds" as we went. During our walk, I found two fungi of interest - a light brown mushroom on a log in the BCF (S) and an "ear" on a log in the HB (S). A third fungus showed up on the river bluffs portion of the trail. A polypore on a log (S). The latter turned out to be a Blushing Bracket, which we have already recorded.

Birds: (5)

Blue Jay (Tr); Common Yellowthroat (LM); Field Sparrow (UM); Mourning Dove (HP); Red-winged Blackbird (UM)

New species:

Flat Crep

Crepidotus applanatus

HB KD

Note: Earlier this month, we brought two friends to Newport Forest for a tour. One of them fell on the way down to Fleming Creek, right into a patch of Poison Ivy. I ran down to the FCF to find some Jewel Weed. None to be found - anywhere! How else would I have noticed the absence of this key floodplain plant. Will it come in eventually?