We watered the gate trees, TS trees and while filling one of the cooler tanks, noticed that the Leopard Frog was back again, having turned green in the meantime. (Although I realize I could be seeing two different individuals, I suspect that the immediate vicinity would support just one Leopard Frog of that size.) I also checked the tree with the orange fruit closely enough to realize that it was simply a dead thorn tree in which every limb had a branch of the bittersweet vine growing along it. We took on a full load of water (84 litres) and proceeded down to the trailer.

When I had almost finished watering the SC, Steve & Karen showed up. Steve spent the next two hours bringing river drift back to the meadow to mulch trees. I went back for another load of watering and by 4:30, we were done. Everyone went down to the river, Steve, Karen & I continuing on to the rsf, where I showed Steve the scratch marks. Here are the measurements of the claw marks near the beginning of the front set of scratches: (like a cross-section)

0 mm; 23 mm; 43 mm; 55 mm; 78 mm; 88 mm; 105 mm; 115 mm

These scratches represent a repeated motion (such as I have often seen various carnivores (but particularly cats) perform. In this case, it may have been to stir the soil of the path to get a better sniff at a faint scent.
The width of the outstretched paw (claw to claw) is 105 mm (4 1/8”)

There was no time to work on the trail after Steve & Karen left. We had supper in the trailer and discussed the fate of the black cat which has been hanging around the camp. It’s a black male, now in better health than ever.

**Birds:** (13 - very casual)

American Crow (FCF); Black-capped Chickadee (Tr); Blue Jay (Tr); Catbird (RB); Cedar Waxwing (TR); Common Grackle (LM); Killdeer (TR); Mourning Dove (UM); Northern Cardinal (Tr); Red-bellied Woodpecker (Tr); Turkey Vulture (WM); White-breasted Nuthatch (Tr); Yellow Warbler (ET)