

Newport Forest

September 25 2004

2:15 - 7:30 pm

Weather: prec. 0 mm; cld/sun; N < 10; LM 21C; FCF 19 C

Purpose: watering trees and trail-building

Participants: Kee

The water truck came in with 1000 gal for delivery. While the “Droughtbuster” was filling, I chatted with the driver, Jim Longdough, about the high profitability of the water business - especially in drought years. Then Eva showed up with her great grandchildren, Jordan & Karissa. They wanted to help, so we all carried a 6-litre jug up to the gate trees and watered them. I began to turn over the better part of Bed 2 in the TS.

In the LM, I watered all the trees in the south core, then proceeded to finish roughing out the new trail through the creek bluffs wooded area toward the west. It is about 200 m from where it branches off the FCT to the bridgelet over the “raccoon-den” ravine. En route, I discovered a young buckthorn tree, a species I had thought was absent from the property!

The black feral cat is still about. I gave it a can of catfood. It showed its gratitude by growling and hissing.

New Species:

Common Buckthorn

Rhamnus cathartica

GF KD

Phenology:

Catbird calling at RL