

**Newport Forest**

October 3 2004

3:15 - 7:30 pm

**Weather:** prec. 4 mm; clear, SSW < 25; LM 19 C; FCF 17° C

**Purpose:** watering trees

**Participants:** Pat & Kee

While Pat filled the feeders, I took the newly acquired (recycled) lumber down to the site of the second bridgelet, carved landings, and placed the 2x4s, nailing on the deck boards. The trail will require considerable carving, but it has great potential for access to new habitats, as well as providing (ultimately) a second crossing point on the creek.

Together, we watered all the trees. I had brought in eight new drip pails and succeeded in destroying six of them by running them over with the van. A few of the trees have already entered dormancy and two of them had frost-damaged leaves,

The black cat did not show up until half way through our stay. We tried Friskies turkey & cheese (a favorite with one of our cats) but it showed little interest. It kept meowing for something that we apparently didn't have. "Milk," said Pat.

At the RL Pat noticed fresh Great Blue Heron tracks in the soft mud by the water's edge. There was a light rain yesterday morning. Pat then spied a Spotted Sandpiper working its way along the shore until it came to the rapids, where it hopped out onto a stone near midriver and paused to drink and sing its plaintive call in the setting sunlight. Pat picked up a new plant and I went to check the cedars. They'll need watering on the next visit.

**Birds:** (16)

American Crow (FC); American Goldfinch (CB\*); American Robin (CB); Black-capped Chickadee (Tr); Blue Jay (Tr); Cedar Waxwing (CB); Common Flicker (UM); Common Grackle (large flock - GF); Great Blue Heron (TR); Mourning Dove (LM); Northern Cardinal (TR); Red-bellied Woodpecker (Tr); Spotted Sandpiper (TR); Turkey Vulture (UM); White-breasted Nuthatch (Tr); White-throated Sparrow (BCF/TR)

\* CB = Creek Bluffs