

Newport Forest

November 7 2004

2:15 - 5:45 pm

Weather: prec. 26 mm; sun/cld; N < 30 kmh; LM 14 C; FCF 13 C

Purpose: To search for new lichen species

Participants: Pat, 0 Kee

When we got to the property, we found Joel's truck parked by the trailer. The bridge had been taken up and the parts nicely stacked. While waiting for Joel & Steve to show up, I went down to carve the new trail a bit, while Pat walked the Blind Creek bed. When Steve and Joel came in, they reported seeing six deer, two in the FCF and four in Harvey's woods. They also claim to have seen two woodcocks, albeit in places where one normally doesn't find woodcocks. (one at the mouth of Fleming Creek, the other about 300 m upstream on the opposite side) We can't rule out a shorebird of some kind.

After Steve and Joel left, Pat & I drove up to the top of the meadow and walked across the East Ravine to inspect the ploughing job. Pat pointed out many ash seeds that had fallen among the furrows. Is this an early indication of success? I followed the ploughed strip until I came to a spot where effective pictures could be taken. (3P)

With little time left before sunset, I decided to cross the creek and search for lichens. I found a beautiful yellow lichen with rather small rosettes on a log that had fallen partially into the water (S). I also gathered two fruiting mosses from the same general locale. (2S)

On the way out, I opened the main valve of the water tank to let it drain completely into the swale that leads to the East Ravine.

Birds:

American Crow (EW); American Woodcock (?) (FC/TR); Black-capped Chickadee (Tr); Blue Jay (Tr); Canada Geese (TR); Dark-eyed Junco (BCF); Downy Woodpecker (Tr); Mourning Dove (ET); Red-bellied Woodpecker (Tr); White-breasted Nuthatch (Tr); White-throated Sparrow (BCF);

New species:

Lemon Lichen

Candelaria concolor

KD FC/LR*

*LR = Lower Rapids (may as well be a locale)