

Newport Forest

Thursday April 14 2005

1:40 - 6:35 pm

**Weather:** prec. 0 mm; clear; N < 20 kmh; LM 18 C; FCF 18 C

**Purpose:** watering trees

**Participants:** Kee

Steve & Joel have installed the new deck for the trailer. It looks exactly right and will enhance our use of the trailer in many ways. I sat in the nook, waiting to hear the little ones chattering, but heard nothing. I went up to the TS and brought back 100 l of water. Steve arrived just as I was about to start watering. I paid him for the deck and we chatted for a while in the Nook before he had to go.

I went to the RL and I planted the Tamarack (that Bill Preicksaitis gave me last year) right near the three cedars. They are still there. I failed to see two of them because most of their leaves have been stripped, either by ice or browsing mammals. I brought back a wheelbarrow of riverdrift for mulching trees in the LM planting zone. I mulched and watered all the trees beside the track in the SC. Although I ran out of mulch soon after this, I had just enough water to take care of all the newly planted trees in both cores and away from the road.

None of the trees planted this year or in previous years are breaking bud yet. Before I left the property, I remeasured the positions of the bluff erosion monitoring stakes, obtaining the following puzzling results. (I had better remeasure.)

TS to Stake #1:	< 10 m (!)
Stake #1 to Stake #2:	9.3 m
Stake #2 to Stake #3:	10.6 m
Stake #3 to Stake #4:	9.9 m
Stake #4 to Stake #5:	5.01 m

**Birds:** (10)

American Robin (GF); Black-capped Chickadee (Tr); Downy Woodpecker (Tr); Eastern Towhee (ET); Red-bellied Woodpecker (FCF); Red-tailed Hawk (RL); Red-winged Blackbird (VPA); Song Sparrow (LM); Turkey Vulture (UM); White-breasted Nuthatch (GF)

**Phenology:** first Honey Bee (LM)