

Newport Forest

Tuesday April 19 2005

3:10 - 7:45 pm

Weather: prec. 0 mm; clear/haze; WSW < 50 kmh; LM 29 C; FCF 29 C

Purpose: watering trees

Participants: Kee

It was pleasant, on arriving at the property, to hear the frog chorus, to see the river approaching summer levels, and to hear the baby raccoons occasionally squealing up in their box. I brought down (but did not plant) another eight trees. 42 Askin: 3 HB; 1RB and TS: 1BE; 1 CT; 1CW; 1HT

It was water, water, water, virtually the whole time I was on site. After watering the trees at the gate, I applied 100 litres along the road edges by the trailer, making only a small dent in the S core. With an additional 15-litre tank, I loaded up with 115 litres for the next round of watering, which covered the remainder of the S core and half of the N core. A final trip with just the ten 6-litre jugs filled sufficed (but barely) to take care of the remainder.

After a break, I took a jug with me along the TRT to the sand bar in the RSF, where I located and watered the four interior trees from the river nearby. I took pictures of the rather desolate appearance of the recently flooded interior portions (4P) as typical for this time of year. Back on the trail, I went to the deadfall over the path and used the bow saw to cut it in two and clear it.

Total water delivered: 285 litres, approximately 1.9 litres/tree

Birds: (11)

American Robin (RL); Black-capped Chickadee (Tr); Dark-eyed Junco (GF); Downy Woodpecker (Tr); Field Sparrow (HBF); Mourning Dove (GF); Northern Cardinal (HB); Red-bellied Woodpecker (Tr); Red-winged Blackbird (ER); Turkey Vulture (LM); White-breasted Nuthatch (Tr)

Phenology:

Coltsfoot in bloom (river bluffs); some Juncos still around; both white and yellow trout lilies now 20% in bloom; most small trees & bushes leafing out, including dogwoods and LM trees.