

Newport Forest

Sunday August 7 2005

1:35 - 7:30 pm

**Weather:** no report - basically the same as previous visit

**Purpose:** Annual TTLT tour

**Participants:** Jane Bowles, Muriel Andreae, Nick Andreae, Peter Andreae, Sylvia Andreae, Anita Caveney, Stan Caveney, Terry Grawey (incl. Ms Chavez and their two children), Andre LaChance, Terry Keep, Sunny Sands (Jane's trainee from Walpole) & friend, Bernie Vandenbelt, and Kee

We wasted little time after assembling and took the TRT at a leisurely pace. It was a strange feature of the day that we kept running into Micrathena spiders out plying their trade across the trails - virtually everywhere - some eight individuals altogether. But I missed seeing some of our large orb weavers. Perhaps it's too dry or hot for them.

I pointed out the Wingstem and Cup Plants near the river, as well as the Fragrant Joe-Pye Weed along several of the trails. I also pointed out some of our more impressive trees, as well. After a brief picnic back at the nook, I explained that engineering marvel, the pipe bridge. Then we all walked the two-bridge trail along Fleming Creek. Some fifteen people crossed the pipe bridge on our return leg, the last to cross being Stan. Just as he was about to step off the near side, the centre trestle decided to keel over and hit the water with a loud splash, a source of amusement for the visitors and a source of embarrassment for me. (At first, I thought one of the kids had fallen in.) Apparently, the trestle had not been planted properly into the creek bottom. With the passage of each tourist across the bridge, the trestle sank a few millimetres deeper. Finally, it was no longer in contact with the pipes and there was nothing to hold it up.

Just before we crossed the pipe bridge, Andre found some new-looking polypores growing on a liner log by the trail on the south side of the bridge. The species turned out to be new.

**New species:**

Bay-brown Polypore      *Polyporus badius*      FCT/Br AL/KF Au07/05

This one gave me a little trouble because I could not see any pores under the Hastings triplet. They only showed up in the 10 X scope. Rather subtle.