

Newport Forest

Tuesday August 30 2005

3:10 - 7:05 pm

**Weather:** prec. 0 mm; RH 78%; ovcst; calm; LM 25 C; 23 C

**Purpose:** watering trees

**Participants:** Kee, Steve, and Joel

Steve and Joel did not show up until 4 pm, so I spent a lot of time up at the TS, digging Bed 1, blending in sand and topsoil. In the middle of that operation Nina, who walks very little, showed up suddenly like an apparition. She held a little vial in her hand. "Here's another moth for you."

After Nina left, I saw an unusually large flock of crows (> 100) flying in ragged groups, all cawing, out of the East Ravine. (Later, Pat suggested that perhaps there's a corpse in there.)

I watered the trees at the gate & TS very thoroughly, then headed down to water most of the trees in the SC, before I ran out. I was up at the tank filling up for the second time when Steve & Joel came in. We finished the watering, took a quick break, then went down to the bridge, where Steve got the trestle positioned firmly under the pipes.

Before the guys left, a very light rain began to patter down, the tail end of Hurricane Katrina. It all looked very hopeful. Later I would learn from Edgar that we got 3/10" of rain, barely 8 mm! This won't do!

I noticed that two of the LTAs have packed it in for the year, suddenly turning very brown, the leaves all shriveling. (or else they're dead) That surprised me because they have deep tap roots.

**New species:**

Chickweed Geometer

*Haematopsis grataria*

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