

Newport Forest

Wednesday September 21 2005

1:50 - 7:15 pm

Weather: prec. 0 mm; RG 43%; clear; SW \leq 20 kmh; LM 32 C; FCF 29 C

Purpose: tree nursery and West Meadow visit

Participants: Pat, Kee

We went to the Janik property, roadside, where Pat collected Bur Oak acorns and American Basswood seeds (several dozen each) while I drove back to the TS. She then walked the ploughed strip in the West Meadow, planting all the acorns and Basswood seeds that she had collected along the road, until she ran out as she turned east. She noticed lots of White Elm, a few Shagbark Hickories, and one American Basswood coming in next to the Janik property but, further along and adjacent to the BCF, White Ash predominated. During a water break, she spotted a Praying Mantis.

At the TS I unloaded 3 bags of sand and 3 bags of topsoil. I planted two rows of (staggered) seedlings, one of 14 RO, one of 13 HL, then two rows containing 8 BE, 4 SiM, and 4 OB.

Down at the trailer, Pat found a leaf-footed bug in the bedroom. She also spotted several warblers in the SH, obviously migrating through, but she could not ID them. She also found a new caterpillar that would, with any luck, become a Hickory Tussock Moth.

Birds: (10)

American Crow (EW); American Goldfinch (UM); American Robin (JP); Blue Jay (BCF); Canada Goose (TR); Gray Catbird (BCF); Common Flicker (WM); Mourning Dove (LM); Northern Cardinal (Tr); Turkey Vulture (UM)

Butterflies:

Great Spangled Fritillary; Monarch; Orange Sulphur; Pearl Crescent; Question Mark

New species:

Hickory Tussock Moth

Lophocampa caryae

Tr PD