

**Newport Forest**

Saturday November 5 2005

2:00 - 5:25 pm

**Weather:** prec. 0 mm; RH 81 %; ovcst; calm; LM 16 C; FCF 16 C

**Purpose:** planting trees

**Participants:** Kee & Will

We picked up 12 trees at the TS: 5BE; 1BN\*; 1FD; 1HL; 1SiM; 2TT; 1YB\*.

We then went down to the trailer and offloaded the trees under a light and rather short drizzle. We then went to lower GF above FC, where the Black Maple saplings and seedlings grow thickly. The plan was to dig up ten for planting stock. However, every tree we tried to dig up turned out to have the same strange problem. Each sprouted from an underground stem that had grown downhill several inches before emerging at the surface.

Although I cannot easily account for this phenomenon, the “malformation” made the saplings almost impossible to dig up, as the shovel kept striking the underground root, in one case severing it and damaging the tree. We succeeded in finding 2BM growing beside the GF.

In the SC we planted: 1BM; 1BN; 1SiM; 2TT; 1YB. In the NC we planted 5BE; 1BM; 1HL.

In the BCF (at sundown) we planted the FD under the power lines about 10m south of the trail.

**Phenology:** no robins

\*YB = Yellow Birch; BN = Butternut