

Newport Forest

Sunday November 20 2005

1:30 - 5:45 pm

Weather: prec. 0 mm; RH 53%; clear; calm; LM 12 C; FCF 11 C

Purpose: planting trees

Participants: Kee, Will

Bed One in the TS is now almost completely dug (just one 2' x 7' strip left). We took out the remaining trees, leaving four for the van (next time) and 14 to plant, including 4 EB, 2 CB, 2 Cran, 1 WP, 1 CC. We added these to the 1 RLD, 1 WH which were already by the trailer and took them in two shifts to the planting area in the New Trail Forest area, taking a lunch break between. We planted one KC at the forest edge as an experiment.

On the way back from the first shift, we flushed two Wild Turkeys from the bushy area along the river bluffs, just below the trail. They were probably foraging for acorns below the White and Chinkapin oaks higher up.

After the second shift, I took the TRT to the HB, while Will returned to base with the equipment. I left a dish of water and a generous helping of puppy chow for the raccoon family (which may or may not still be around).

All trees and bushes were watered once at the TS, then again after planting, about 1/3 to 1/4 jug each, enough to keep the roots from drying.