

Newport Forest

Monday November 28 2005

2:30 - 6:30 pm

Weather: 13 mm; RH 80%; ovcst; S \leq 30 kmh; LM 16 C; FCF 15 C

Purpose: to finish planting

Participants: Pat and Kee

we did not achieve our purpose today, as we spent too long on our TRT walk. However, 4 Kcs and 1 HL are now stowed in the trailer bathroom, where there is scant, but nonzero protection from root-freeze.

There was no snow on the property today, so the “first snow” record will have to wait until we actually observe it. On the TRT, I went down to examine the beach for tracks. The water was up about a foot, obscuring all but the upper half of the beech, where I saw only one set of tracks, in any case - a probable Red Fox. We sat for some time on the bluffs bench, waiting for “something extraordinary.” No such thing, so we moved on. I paused to admire an old snag with many holes in it, (P) then we moved on into the RSF, where we saw two Red Squirrels race along a log in the scrubby section of the (east) woods. We took a little detour down to the Sand Bar, where I showed Pat the Pawpaw and the two American Hazels.

We saw few birds today, barely worth listing: canada Goose (TR); Downy Woodpecker (Tr); Red-bellied Woodpecker (Tr); White-breasted Nuthatch (Tr)

New Species:

Some new species have come to light recently. Examining our modest collection of fungi in preparation for a talk, for example, I came across a Tinder Polypore that I hadn't ID'd before. The aquatic organisms come from the Fleming Creek sample that I took several weeks ago.

Tinder Polypore	<i>Fomes fomentarium</i>	RSF KD (no date)
Aeolosomatid worm	<i>Aeolosoma</i> * sp.	FC rapids KD Oc23/05
S-Nitzschia	<i>Nitzschia sigmoidea</i>	FC bot. KD Oc23/05
S-Pleurosigma	<i>Pleurosigma delicatatum</i>	FC bot. KD Oc23/05

*fam. Aeolosomatidae, Ord. Aphanoneura