

Newport Forest

Saturday June 10 2006

2:30 - 5:40 pm

Weather: prec. 3 mm; RH 46%; clr; N 0-25kmh; LM 18C; FCF 16C

Purpose: to water new trees

Participants: Kee

I stopped off at Big Bend Park for a celebration of the Thames that featured talks by interesting local historians and conservationists. I arrived as the gathering was dispersing, but I ran into Al McGregor, Nina Hurdle and, best of all, archaeologist Stan Wortner, who gave me a 15-minute recap of his presentation that morning. We stood by the trunk of his car from which he retrieved tray after tray of artifacts, especially those from the Hind Site (actual name).

At the TS I loaded up all the jugs with water. As I waited for the fill I distinctly heard a descending buzz (weeb?) made by a bird. I wondered if it could be the elusive Grasshopper Sparrow.

At the trailer I was pleased to see the old SH coming back big time! It already has twice as many leaves as it did last year. I watered the LM (new) trees, noting that newly planted HBs have never looked this lush and healthy since I began to plant 6 years ago.

Before departing, I shot a slow pan of the UM from the TS. The sweep included the tops of the FCF trees.

Birds: (19)

American Crow (UM); American Goldfinch (GF); American Robin (BCF); Blue Jay (Tr); Common Grackle (UM); Eastern Kingbird* (UM); Eastern Towhee (FCF); Field Sparrow (UM); House Wren (Tr); Mourning Dove (GF); Northern Cardinal (EW); Northern Oriole (FCF); Red-bellied Woodpecker (Tr); Red-winged Blackbird (UM); Rose-breasted Grosbeak (Tr); Song Sparrow (LM); Turkey Vulture (EW); White-breasted Nuthatch (Tr); Wood Thrush (FCF)

* could be responsible for the buzzing noise