

Newport Forest

Sunday October 1 2006

1:50 - 6:20 pm

Weather: prec. 17mm; RH 71%; NW 0-10kmh; cld/sn; LM 18C; FCF 17C

Purpose: maintenance

Participants: Kee, Brian & Ken

I brought Brian Cornish and his friend, Ken, to work on the road, while I went looking for fungi. The girls showed up immediately and I gave them some food in the Nook. Once again, they were moderately hungry, but by no means ravenous.

I took the girls on the FCT across the bridge as far as the bird-watching bench below the UM. The trail had been blocked by (yet another) Bitternut tree, while roses and Blackcaps had choked the trail toward the end. Finding no fungi to speak of on that side of the creek, we returned as far as the log bridge, crossed it and searched along the trail through the (lower) GF. I picked up four specimens there, including some Psathyrellas on a log, a small, black, gilled bracket on a log, some (undoubted) Oysters on a fallen (Bitternut) tree, and what I thought at first might be an Amanita, with its bulbous base.

While this was going on, Brian radioed to say that all the gravel had been spread on the road. I told them to come down to the creek with the bow saw and brush hook. I tried to keep the sisters out of harm's way, while Brian and Ken struggled with the fallen tree and I cut all the roses and Blackcaps as far as the birdwatching bench.

Louise has a cyst or abscess on her left wrist. Since this was the girls sleep period, every time I paused for a rest, the two would throw themselves down in a heap and fall asleep. But every time they did this, Louise would spend several minutes licking the swelling on her wrist and scratching at it with her right paw.

(I did not succeed in IDing the black bracket.)

New species:

“Watery Psathyrella”
Wood Agaricus

Psathyrella [hydrophila]
Agaricus silvicola

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