

Newport Forest

Saturday October 7 2006

2:00 - 5:50 pm

Weather: prec. 0mm; RH 65%; clr; calm; LM 21C; FCF 16C

Purpose: birdwatching tour for brother & wife

Participants: Kee, Pat, Peter & Gaye Dewdney

Although Charlie the Lonesome Squirrel was still up in the Black Maple, he seemed more aloof on this visit, while the girls never showed up at all, (only deepening Pat's fears). Peter & I walked the 2BT, but without using the main bridge, as it was still partially submerged. Instead, we crossed the log bridge twice to walk the FCT on the east bank, calling occasionally for Thelma & Louise. Meanwhile, Pat & Gaye walked over to the mouth of the creek to see if the girls were over there. They spotted some Mallards, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, a Downy Woodpecker and a Myrtle Warbler.

We all went bird watching on the river bluffs. The weather was warm and mild and we enjoyed the Ruby-crowned Kinglets snatching insects from the air. On the way back, I noticed some Deadly Galerina growing near the path in the RL. Ominously, Pat noted a piece of the cap missing. Back in the trailer, Peter showed me how to get the propane working in the refrigerator.

Birds: (18)

American Crow (FCF); American Robin (RB); Black-capped Chickadee (Tr); Blue Jay (GF); Common Flicker (RL); Common Grackle (LM); Downy Woodpecker (EW/FC); Mallard (EW/FC); Myrtle Warbler (EW/FC); Northern Cardinal (RL); Northern Harrier (LM); Red-bellied Woodpecker (GF); Red-tailed Hawk (EW); Ruby-crowned Kinglet (EW/FC); Song Sparrow (RB); Spotted Sandpiper (TR); Turkey Vulture (UM); White-breasted Nuthatch (Tr)

New species: (Malaise samples)

Rubbed Dart	<i>Euxoa perpolita</i>	LM nz/KD J131/05
Venerable Dart	<i>Agrotis venerabilis</i>	LM nz/KD J131/05
Gray Looper Moth	<i>Rachiplusia ou</i>	LM nz/KD J131/05
Large Ruby Tiger Moth	<i>Phragmatobia assimilans</i>	LM nz/KD J131/05
American Dagger Moth	<i>Acrionicta americana</i>	LM nz/KD J131/05