

Newport Forest

Tuesday November 21 2006

1:30 - 4:35 pm

**Weather:** prec. 0mm; RH 02%; SW 0-10 kmh; clr; LM 6C; GF 6C

**Purpose:** maintenance

**Participants:** Kee, Steve Logan, Wayne Campbell

I arrived to find that Steve and his friend had already secured the bridge decking upslope and were hard at work retrieving the second pipe, drawing it toward the near bank with the steady ratcheting “burr” of the come-along, a handy gadget that multiplies force. They had been working since midmorning.

Taking me aside, Steve explained that Wayne was a house guest, an itinerant worker who lived out of his truck-and-horse-trailer combo, frequently riding his horse in search of work. The horse had pulled up lame in front of Steve’s place at Moraviantown.

When the bridge was done, we had a brief lunch in the Nook and the boys departed. I spent the rest of the afternoon cleaning the trailer and searching for Pat’s lost cellphone. At the bend in ET by the old willow I heard the shriek of a Pileated Woodpecker. Looking up I saw the bird’s crest plainly. We are pleased to think that Mr & Mrs Pileated may be taking up residence at Newport. Since all the Bitternuts (dead and still living) are crawling with beetles, our property has become a woodpecker’s paradise. We have now logged some seven species of woodpecker, four of them present today.

**Birds:** (9)

Black-capped Chickadee (Tr); Blue Jay (GF); Cedar Waxwing (LM); Downy Woodpecker (Tr); Hairy Woodpecker (GF); Pileated Woodpecker (ET/BCF); Red-bellied Woodpecker (Tr); White-breasted Nuthatch (Tr); Wild Turkey (RL)

**New species:** (Malaise)

‘Small Black Robber Fly’	sFam. Laphrystiinae	RL nz/KD J118/05
‘Black Leaf-cutter’	<i>Megachile</i> sp. B	RL nz/KD J118/05
Mason Wasp	[ <i>Euodynerus hidalgo</i> ]	RL nz/KD J118/05
‘Bald Stiletto Fly’	[ <i>Thereva</i> sp.]	LM nz/KD J118/05