

Newport Forest Wednesday January 3 2007

2:10 - 4:50 pm

weather: prec. 15mm; RH 81%; sn/hz; W 10-26kmh; LM 7C; GF 8C

purpose: property check

participants: Kee

Because the property remains waterlogged, I walked in to avoid getting stuck. This meant two trips between the gate and the trailer, carrying half the load in by hand, the spent propane bottle back out, and the remaining stuff and green box down to the trailer.

I filled one feeder and noted that the creek is still high, although not over its banks. I walked the FCT along the west side as far as the log bridge, noting a new “digging” by the Pileated Woodpecker in the trunk of a large dead Bitternut tree. I also spotted a young Bitternut (8cm dbh) in very good condition. (Has it escaped the plague?) Along the way, I dropped several handfuls of peanuts-in-the-shell in and on the hibernation log I fixed up last fall. No one was “home,” as far as I could tell. Finally, I toured the LM regen zone, noting that so far none of the trees over 30 cm had been deer-nipped, although many of the very small trees (e.g. Red Oaks) had been. It truly is a “wet meadow” at present, with numerous planting holes now water-filled and several mini-sloughs occupying depressions in the field.

I left early in order to collect some of the poison bags at the beehives (Janik’s) before heading to Eva Newport’s, where Terry Keep (TTLT) had agreed to meet us at 5pm. Eva and Terry seemed to hit it off very well.

new species: (Malaise)

‘Black Robber Fly’	sFam. Laphriinae - Sp A*	RL nz/KD J131/05
‘Three-striped Crane Fly’	<i>Nephrotoma pedunculata</i>	RL nz/KD J131/05
‘Yellow Crane Fly’	[<i>Tipula monticola</i>]	RL nz/KD J131/05
Stiletto Fly	Therevidae sp. A*	RL nz/KD J131/05

(Microbial)

‘Spinner’	<i>Urocentrum turbo</i>	VP3 KD Dc27/06
Swan Tear	<i>Lacrymaria olor</i>	VP3 KD Dc27/06

* fell Dc31/06 - added to ‘06 total

**see logsheets for descriptions (from now on)