

Newport Forest Thursday February 1 2007

2:10 - 4:30 pm

weather: prec. 0mm; RH 89%; ovcst; WSW 0-25kmh; LM -2C; GF -3C

purpose: trail maintenance

participants: Kee & Brian

Both river and creek have iced-over stretches and open reaches - or shore ice with open channels. Brian and I went into the BCF, lining the first 300 metres or so, completing the roughly 30 % of liners that were already in place.

As we worked, we could hear a chain saw busy cutting trees downriver. (We checked on the way out that the sounds weren't coming from Janik's.)

Animal tracks had largely filled in with blowing snow, with no fresh tracks apparent. Evidently the extra-cold nights have kept most foragers in their dens.

birds:

Black-capped Chickadee (RL); Dark-eyed Junco (Tr); Downy Woodpecker (RSF); Red-bellied Woodpecker (Tr); White-breasted Nuthatch (BCF) [I was not in the vicinity of the trailer long enough to note additional species that may have been present.

new species: (Malaise trap)

Reaper Dart	<i>Euxoa [messaria]</i>	RL nz/KD Au11/05
Spine-tailed Earwig	<i>Doru aculeatum</i>	LM nz/KD J131/05
Grass Spider	<i>Agelenopsis pennsylvanica</i>	RL nz/KD Au21/05