

Newport Forest

Sunday March 18

1:45 - 5:15 pm

weather: prec. 2mm; RH n/a; cld/sn; calm; LM 3C; GF 3C

purpose: cutting thorn trees

participants: Kee, Brian, Dylan, Jimmy Dean (JD)

We spent several hours cutting thorn trees until we had cleared another acre or so. one more round of cutting should do it. While cutting, Dylan noticed a blackened and desiccated little frog impaled on a thorn. He wondered if someone was practicing witchcraft. I explained to him about the Northern Shrike.

Brian & I cut out for the trailer, leaving Dylan & JD to finish up in the WM. We put out bird & mammal food, then I took the weather and did a little birding.

Both river & creek are over their primary banks.

birds: ()

American Crow (TR); Black-capped Chickadee (GF); Blue Jay (ER); Canada Goose (TR); Downy Woodpecker (Tr); Killdeer (WM); Mourning Dove (WM); Northern Cardinal (BCF); Red-bellied Woodpecker (Tr); Red-tailed Hawk (FL); Turkey Vulture (ER); White-breasted Nuthatch (GF);

new species

Harvestman *Phalangium opilio* RL nz/KD Au11/05

Broadwinged Katydid *Amblycorypha oblongifolia* BCF KD Sp08/01

phenology: Turkey Vultures are back ! River and Creek in flood