

Newport Forest

Thursday May 3 2007

2:40 - 6:35 pm

**weather:** prec. 13 mm; RH 42%; clr; calm; LM 22 C; GF 19 C

**purpose:** maintenance on tree nursery

**participants:** Kee, Latif, Abid

Almost as soon as we pulled up to the gate, I spotted the black animal sitting on its haunches at the far end of the UM and looking toward the road. By the time I fished out my binoculars, it was gone. Once again, I would have to say it resembled a cat more than any other animal -- and jet black.

We took the van only as far as the high point in the UM, thanks to a light rain that was nevertheless heavy enough to make the ground spongy once again. We carried some supplies down to the trailer, put out bird feed, and returned to the nursery in the UM bringing the ladder with us. We accomplished very little, getting just one sunscreen repaired and covering another few square feet of bed space in Blot B.

We also measured the bluff monitoring monitoring stakes. They were firm enough not to need re-driving, so no second set of measurements was needed:

nursery to stake 1	15.00 m
stake 1 to stake 2	9.91 m
stake 2 to stake 3	11.45 m
stake 3 to stake 4	9.52 m
stake 4 to stake 5	5.50 m