

Newport Forest Thursday May 17 2007

2:10 - 5:35 pm

weather: prec. 16 mm; RH 67%; ovcast; calm; LM 11 C

purpose: to plant trees and fix tree station

participants: Kee, Brian, Abid

W stopped at the TS and while Brian and Abid worked on the west sunscreen, I walked down to the trailer to get the planting shovel. When I got back, the screen was fixed and up. Abid brought water while I carried the last Pin Oak up to the gate to add to the collection there. When we got back to the trailer, Brian asked if there was such a thing as bird that flew like a bee. It had a long, narrow beak, he said, but it could hover, too. Trust Brian to see the only Rubythroat we would encounter this year.

We went first to the trailer and loaded up for the trip into the BCF. The wheelbarrow, operated by Brian, took the 5 potted beeches. Abid carried two full watering jugs. We planted from the bench back toward the beginning of the trail, placing 3 within easy view of the bench, the other two strung between the bench and ET.

birds: (14 -- I was too distracted to get many.)

American Crow (FCF); Blue Jay (GF); Clay-colored Sparrow (UM); Common Yellowthroat (BCF); Downy Woodpecker (Tr); Eastern Towhee (GF); Field Sparrow (LM); Northern Cardinal (BCF); Red-bellied Woodpecker (GF); Rose-breasted Grosbeak (FCF); Ruby-throated Hummingbird (UM); Song Sparrow (LM); Turkey Vulture (UM); White-breasted Nuthatch (GF)