

Newport Forest

Thursday June 7 2007

1:55 - 5:20 pm

weather: prec. 5 mm; RH 52 %; S 0-20 kmh; clt, LM 31 C

purpose: maintenance

participants: Kee & Brian

Brian & I finished putting up the bridge, then cleared about 80 m of trail on the FCF bank. During a break, Brian climbed up the BM to peer into the box. He claims to have seen "little feet . . . moving."

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Wednesday June 13 2007

1:50 m- 5:30 pm

weather: prec. 0 mm; RH 61 %; cld/sn; calm; LM 34 C

purpose: to prepare for Bioblitz

participants: Kee

The water truck and gravel truck arrived at the farm gate at exactly the same moment, having driven in from different directions along the Fleming Line! (2:10 pm) With a hiss of air brakes the trucks lumbered into position, the Carruthers truck beside the water tank and the Johnston Bros. truck up at the high point, where he dumped the gravel. I mounted the cab for the ride back, but accidentally grabbed a very hot exhaust pipe beside the cab. Ouch!

Returning to the trailer, I spotted a dark, medium-sized bird with broad white tail coverts, then a very pale sparrow. We do not spend enough time in the UM. Fleming Creek is running normally, albeit a bit cloudy. Thunder rumbled occasionally as the sky slowly clouded over. It spit for a while, then stopped, then started again. Owing to a knee injury, I mostly sat in the Nook listening for birds. Five Chipmunks came for seed dumped just a few feet from my chair. They fought over it just like the squirrels at home. Younger trees in RZ will need water by middle of next week.

Birds: (19) American Crow (FCF); American Goldfinch (LM); American Robin (GF/E); Blue Jay (LM); Common Grackle (GF); Common Yellowthroat (BCF/LM); Eastern Towhee (BCF); Field Sparrow (UM); great Crested Flycatcher (GF); Mourning Dove (HL); Northern Cardinal (BCF); Red-bellied Woodpecker (GF); Rose-breasted Grosbeak (Tr); Song Sparrow (LM); Tree Swallow (Rd); Turkey Vulture (HBF); White-breasted Nuthatch (Tr); Wild Turkey (ER/UM); Wood Thrush (BCF)