

Newport Forest

Saturday July 14 2007

1:50 - 5:20 pm

weather: prec. 0 mm; RH 55%; BP 29.09"; ovcast; SW 10-30 kmh; LM 24 C

purpose: watering trees

participants: Kee & brian

Brian and I had barely wrenched the new water tank valve in place when the Carruthers truck arrived. After the truck left it took us no more than 10 minutes to fill all containers to the extent of 150 litres. I watered the trees by the gate, noting with dismay that since I began watering the gate trees about a month ago, I had missed the newly planted White Oak on each occasion! I only spotted it (a little off from the main group) because the leaves had turned brown and now stood out.,

While Brian fixed the meadow feeder (permanently), I watered the trees in the RZ. This time I began to include the 4- and 5-year trees. For one thing the Tulip Trees were earning their other name: Yellow Poplar. Brian took the van back up to the tank for another 150l load. We finished off together when he came back. Today's total doubles the old record: 300 litres of water in one day.

Brian helped me install our first trail-cam by the "Hole" (entrance to the BCF from the LM -- a natural pinch-point). This is a camera that takes pictures of anything that moves in its field of view. I'm hoping for a few surprises from this device. We have a second camera to deploy once we've got a working relationship with this one.

Notes:

1. a large flock of approximately 300 Common Grackles flew over the property around 4 pm.
2. a Tiger Swallowtail watched the camera installation operation