

Newport Forest

Tuesday July 24 2007

2:20 - 6:25 pm

weather: prec. 0 mm; RH 75%; BP 29.52"; cld/sn; calm; LM 25 C

purpose: maintenance & tour

participants: Kee, Zine-eddine Abid plus Abdurrahman & Ousama

Having brought my friend, Zine-eddine to Newport for a tour, I had first to deal with Chris George (Oneida) whom I had invited to submit a quote for providing the tent facilities for the handover ceremony in September. He selected the high ground in the UM as the best spot and agreed to throw in a teepee as a "special."

I got the boys working to spread gravel on the road, noticing a Common Buckeye on my way back to the trailer. Meanwhile, Zine-eddine had completed the 2BT, making the correct choice of which way to go. After an hour, the boys came to the trailer. Abdurrahman had evidently seen a Brown Snake. I took Zine-eddine & his boys on the TRT, stopping twice to load the cameras:

Camera 1 just inside the "Hole" close to the trail

Camera 2 About 10 m into the BCF/HB from the RL

Note Camera 2 had 11 images on it (internal memory) that must be reviewed later, when I bring the camera home. All images from now on will be on small SD memory cards that I can exchange (having four of them) on each visit: old card goes home, new card goes in.

Walking along the bluffs with us, Ousama spotted a walking stick insect that I nearly stepped on. I picked it up and showed it to everyone, allowing it to walk all around my hand, then onto a dogwood leaf. The mosquitoes were only moderately bad. We walked the rest of the trail quickly partly because of the mosquitoes and partly because we had to leave the property.