

**Newport Forest**

Friday August 2 2007

4:00 - 9:05 pm

**weather:** prec. 0 mm; RH 40 %; BP 29.41"; clr; calm; LM 34 C

**purpose:** watering trees

**participants:** Kee & Jonathan

Jonathan filled the tray & meadow feeders while I finished the previous watering (interrupted by rain) using three full jugs left from that time. We drove up to the tank and filled every available vessel, driving the load back down to the trailer.

Under a clear, hot sky Jonathan watered all the trees taller than himself, while I watered the rest. This is the first watering for the taller trees, as they tend to have deeper roots and still have some moist soil to tap into. At this pace, of course, we ran out of water, so we drove to the tank (fitting in a half-hour visit to Eva betweentimes) and filled everything again, completing the job at 8:15 and having precious little time for the TRT walk.

I exchanged memory cards in both cameras as we passed them and then completed the trail. I thought our crew had finished the trail but, although some long sections were beautifully done, others hadn't even been brush-hooked. Coming out of the BCF the sound of Katydid's starting up for the night rose to a gradual crescendo all around us, the beginning of what I call "high summer."

**phenology:** first katydids calling

**note:** one of the images from camera 1 showed a half-grown fawn, completely in the picture but just past the halfway point.