

Newport Forest Tuesday Oc 16 2007 2:20 - 5:45 pm

weather: prec. 0 mm; RH 71 %; BP 99.21 kPa; ovcast; calm; LM 16 C

purpose: a visit from Dan Bickel

participants: Kee, Dan

Dan Bickel is a former student (U of M) and currently Curator of Entomology at the Australian National Museum. We went down to the FC rapids and crossed to check on the trees. Couldn't find the pawpaws amid all the tall weeds, but the TT are doing well.

I spotted a prominent seed capsule on top of several old plants by the trail on the way back (S). These turned out later to be either a Canada Lily or a Michigan Lily. (The former would be a new species.)

We walked the TRT, collecting a few fungi along the way. Nothing new here, as it turned out. Fall oysters, a *Gloeoporus dichrous*, and an unidentifiable *Lactarius*-like mushroom with a badly nibbled cap. On the river bluffs Dan spotted a pine tree that I hadn't noticed before. (This turned out to be a Scotch Pine -- already recorded at that spot!) There was very light intermittent rain throughout the walk -- and later -- but it hardly registered in the rain gauge.

birds:

American Crow (TR); American Robin (HB/TR); Black-capped Chickadee (RL); Blue Jay (GF); Canada Goose (TR); Common Grackle (Rd); Dark-eyed Junco (Tr); Great Blue Heron (TR); Mourning Dove (HL); Northern Flicker (BCF); Northern Harrier (TR); Red-bellied Woodpecker (GF); White-breasted Nuthatch (GF);

new species (?):

Canada Lily

Lilium canadense

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