

Newport Forest

Sunday November 11 2007

3:30 - 5:45 pm

weather: prec. 1 mm; RH 87%; BP 99.21 kPa; calm; ovcst; LM 6 C

purpose: planting trees

participants: Kee

I brought in 10 Silver Maples (4' whips - bareroot) which we had purchased at the nearby Sloane's Nursery in Bothwell. (Harvey used to work there, as his son & daughter-in-law continue to do.) After putting out bird food, I worked as fast as possible to plant the trees but got only six in the ground. Pat also gave me three HBs (1') and a KC (2') to plant, but I had to leave them in their temporary pot until next visit. I watered the four trees in and soaked the remainder to keep them healthy against my return. I brought about 12 jugs of water down from the tank, as well as a bag of topsoil and fertilizer (miracle gro), which I mixed with the water in each jug. I am thus all set up for the next visit.

Note: I have decided to eliminate root competition as a factor in our baby forest's growth next year. we can do this by simply cutting larger disks around each sapling -- about 4' diameter -- as well as re-cutting older ones that have grown over. This can be done gradually & systematically, whenever the ground is soft enough to dig.

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Thursday November 15 2007 3:05 - 5:20 pm

weather: prec. 1 mm; RH 90%; BP 97.93 kPa; ovcst; W 5-25 kmh; LM 4 C

purpose: planting trees

participants: Kee

After putting out birdseed and DBs, I completed planting the remaining four Silver Maples, but held back on the Hackberries and Kentucky Coffee Tree (They really don't much like that meadow -- or vice versa-- and have not done well, surprise, surprise) Four deer crossed the track ahead of me on the way out as the van climbed to the UN. They were about 100 m ahead of me: a doe, then a young buck, then another doe and (trying to catch up) a very young doe. Deer are always a beautiful sight.

Note: this was my only fall tree-planting this year.