

Newport Forest

Thursday April 24 2008 2:45 - 7:05 pm

weather: prec. 0 mm; RH 42%; BP 100.0 kPa; clr; calm; LM 22 C

purpose: planting trees

participants: Kee

I went to Sloanes Nurseries to pick up 10 trees: 5 RO; 3 BM; 2 SM. All but one of the maples were 6' whips, all were bare root saplings. I waited until nearly 6 pm in the UM for the Carruthers Water truck to come with its 2000 gal load for our tank. Meanwhile, Steve dropped by to say goodbye before driving up to the Yukon.

When I got down to the trailer with the trees and five jugs of water, I heard a Gray Tree Frog calling in the Black Maple over the Nook. Inspecting the RZ prior to my initial planting, I found webworm colonies in one of the young Black Cherry trees, so I administered a dose of "wasp blaster" to all three colonies on the tree.

I planted two RO and two maples in the RZ, leaving the rest soaking in burlap & plastic until Sunday, when I plan to plant the rest. The creek is now back down to normal levels and the rapids can be heard plainly up at the trailer. I did not go out to the river today.

birds: (15)

American Crow (FCF); American Robin (GF); Black-capped Chickadee (GF); Blue Jay (GF); Brown-headed Cowbird (GF); Common Flicker (GF); Eastern Towhee (EW); Field Sparrow (HBF); Great Blue Heron (FC); Mourning Dove (GF); Northern Cardinal (BCF); Red-bellied Woodpecker (GF); Red-winged Blackbird (UM); Song sparrow (HBF); Turkey Vulture (UM)