

Newport Forest

Sunday April 27 2008

2:15 - 6:00 pm

weather: prec. 3 mm; RH 40%; BP 99.55 kPa; clr; W 10 kmh; LM 19 C

purpose: planting/mulching trees

participants: Kee & Will

Driving in along the Beattie Line, we spotted a dead raccoon by the road. The rear end had been eaten out by a Coyote, probably scavenging.

While Will busied himself carting several wheelbarrow loads of river drift to a pile in the LM, I finished planting the three remaining RO in the RZ. Then we planted the three maples in the BCF (close to the first 100m of trail). We finished off the afternoon mulching some 25-30 saplings in the RZ, including all those planted within the last 8 months. I got a good look at an Eastern Towhee singing on a brach nearby, at one point. At the end of the afternoon I exchanged the card on Cam #1 and took a pond sample.

birds: (18)

American Robin (BCF); Black-capped Chickadee (GF); Blue Jay (Tr); Brown-headed Cowbird (GF); Common Flicker (BCF); Common Grackle (GF); Downy Woodpecker (Tr); Eastern Towhee (GF); Field Sparrow (LM); Great Blue Heron (EW); Mourning Dove (Tr); Northern Cardinal (FCF); Red-bellied Woodpecker (Tr); Red-winged Blackbird (EW); Song Sparrow (LM); Turkey Vulture (UM); White-breasted Nuthatch (Tr); White-throated Sparrow (GF)

Note 1: The sample of surface scum from VP2 proved to be very lively, with at least five spp. of filamentous algae (see later), A new (green) Turbellarian, a new Stentor, lots of small flagellates, and several ciliates.

Note 2: Cam #1 had several pictures of Wild Turkeys and Raccoons.

new species:

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| “Green Flatworm” | <i>Dalyellia [viridis]</i> | VP2 KD Ap27/08 |
| Stentor | <i>Stentor polymorphus</i> | VP2 KD Ap27/08 |

phenology: first beeflies (abundant); Brown-headed Cowbirds pairing for mating