

Newport Forest

Friday May 9 2008

3:15 - 6:45 pm

weather: prec. 9 mm; RH 57%; BP 98.40 kPa; sn/hz; calm; LM 20 C

purpose: inspect tree planting

participants: Jonathan and Kee

Coming through the gate I realized that we have been ignoring the trees by the gate. We gave them each half a jug and later, on the way out, mulched each tree thoroughly and gave it another half jug. The little oak has not leafed out and the other trees looked a little marginal, although the young Shadbush (?) had already bloomed.

At the trailer I discovered that we had forgotten to put the lid back on the seedpail. There were two White-footed mice inside, which scampered off into the trailer recesses when I placed the pail on its side. A third WFM had died in situ, so I put it out for the sexton beetles to deal with.

We inspected the trees in the RZ, noting that all were continuing to leaf out nicely. Some of the young maples showed slight frost damage.

I noticed that five of the WAs that Nic and I planted back in 2002 along the HBF/LM strip were doing very well (now about 4') and that two ABWs (which I had forgotten having planted) had reached the same height.

Then we walked the TRT without much incident, detouring to the SB to check the AH and PP there. On the other side of the HB we flushed a large WT, which took off with thunderous wings, impressing Jonathan. At the end of this walk, we detoured back along Blind Creek to VP4 to get both surface and bottom samples (continuing the vernal pool survey). We changed the SD cards on both cams before heading out. (nice doe on #1)

birds: (16) American Crow (BCF); American Robin (LM); Black-capped Chickadee (GF); Blue Jay (Tr); Brown-headed Cowbird (LM); Catbird (BCF/LM); Eastern Towhee (BCF); Mourning Dove (LM); Northern Cardinal (EW); Red-winged Blackbird (EW); Rose-breasted Grosbeak (Tr); Tree Swallow (Rd); White-breasted Nuthatch (Tr); Wood Thrush (FCF); Wild Turkey (BCF)

new species:

Tribonema

Tribonema bombycinum VP2 KD Ap 27/08

phenology: first Wood Thrush, Catbird; V. Bluebells in full bloom