

Newport Forest

Sunday September 7 2008

3:15 - 8:20 pm

Weather: prec. 17 mm; RH 67%; BP 99.35; sn/cld; WSW 0 - 10 kh; T 24° C

Purpose: finish RZ inventory

Participants: Pat, Kee

While Pat labeled saplings at the TS, I finished logging the trees in Strip #6, thus completing the inventory. I was visited by a signal-fly in the Nook before I drove up to get Pat at the TS. We then went down to the river to see if we could locate the Angelica plants seen on the riverbank near the creek mouth (from the canoe) last Sunday. I got into difficulty with slump-holes and crumbling bank near the shore, so gave up.

While Pat cut Russian Olive and Purple Loosestrife at the landing, I went into the RSF, trying to locate the sandbar. The area is now so badly overgrown, (P) it took me half an hour to locate one of the American Hazels that I planted two years ago. (P) I could not locate the pawpaws at all. Last year the veg was dominated by Stinging Nettle, this year, only about 10% Stinging Nettle remains, the rest being about equally divided between Giant Ragweed and Wingstem! I noted that virtually all the Jewelweed plants growing near the SB area were well over my head. I had no idea they could grow that high. (must be SB nutrient load from TR)

Before we left, Pat pointed out a Giant Swallowtail caterpillar on the Hop tree near the trailer. (cam batts too low to operate)

Birds: (11)

American Crow (WM); Black-capped Chickadee (BCF); Blue Jay (LM); Canada Goose (TR); Gray Catbird (RL); Great Blue Heron (TR); House Wren (RL); Mourning Dove (BCF); Northern Cardinal (GF); Turkey Vulture (UM); White-breasted Nuthatch (GF)

New species:

Signal Fly*

[*Rivellia*] sp.

GF KD Sp07/08

*living specimen: 1 cm; hd + eyes + th. unif. buff red; abd, cinctate, black; elevating & lowering wings (w. 3 diag. black bands) continuously while walking (char. of fam. Platystomatidae)

RZ INVENTORY

Strip 6 (50 m - 60 m NW of track) in RZ

BW	0' + 4'	v (by Gray Dogwood)
SiM	4' + 1'	p (edge)
BW	3.5' + 0''	v
RO	8'' + 4''	p
RO	6'' + 3''	p
SiM	4' + 4''	p (edge)
WA	2' + 1'	v
ThAp	3' + 8''	v
RO	6' + 4''	p
RB	1' + 4''	p
RA	4' + 1.5'	v
WE	6' + 1'	v
BW	3' + 2'	v
HL	4' + 5''	p (N e)
WA	0' + 2'	v (resprout)
BW	2' + 2'	v