

Newport Forest Saturday October 25 2008

2:50 - 5:50 pm

Weather: prec. 34 mm; RH 70%; BP 98.27 kPa; ovcst; W 20-30 kh; T 10° C

Purpose: small jobs

Participants: Kee, Will

Will staked in the caution tape set up by Bruce last week. He added a second caution tape for extra visibility. Meanwhile, I dug up two small Red Oaks from the nursery to take home and pot. The remaining trees in the nursery (TS) will all be dug up this coming weekend and planted in the RZ. In the process of installing the new padlock on the West Meadow gate, I noticed the same silver/grey van parked beside Janik's, so I drove there and left a warning note on the vehicle's windshield.*

Walking the TRT, Will found a growth of "log hair" on standing deadwood. I believe this is a slime -- possibly Stemonites -- but it needs confirmation. We also found Carbon Balls at a couple of spots in the RSF, as well as a row of Oysters, including a very young one with remarkable (for Pleurotes) symmetry (S & P). Along the way, I checked all three cover boards, finding nothing in CB #2, a small black beetle, pupa, and sow bug in CB #3, and two earthworms in CB #1. I also changed the memory cards in all three trail cams. (At home I found Cam #1 performing up to its usual standards, by getting four deer pictures, one of an emaciated buck, the other of a healthy -looking doe. The deer in the remaining images are more distant and only partially visible.

I was pleased to see the Cladophora growing back in the creek rapids. I took a large sample of this alga, as well as several rock-scrappings.

*I was later called by the irate owner of the vehicle. He said I was "harassing" him by warning what the police would do if he were caught hunting in the no-go areas. I wrote him a conciliatory letter, since he turned out to be an in-law of the Newports. He was apparently not in Janik's bush anyway, but in his father-in-law's woodlot south of the road.

New species:

"Finger Ciliate"	<i>Trachellus Ovum</i>	FC KD Oc25/08
"Glass Sandals"	<i>Onychodromus grandis</i>	FC KD Oc25/08