

# Trail Bee Report

Newport Forest Sunday April 5 2009 12:45 - 5:10 pm

weather: prec. 20 mm; RH n/a; BP n/a; sn/cld; W light; T 13° C  
purpose: trail bee  
participants: Pat + 20 volunteers (see list below)

The volunteers, led by Jane Bowles, worked very hard to complete the job list set out in advance of the bee. Although I could not attend the bee (much to my frustration), Pat did an admirable job of running the "headquarters" at the trailer, making sure everyone had appropriate refreshment, tools, etc., giving her very little opportunity for birding or some of her other normal activities.

The following jobs were completed:  
Clearing the Thames River Trail (TRT) of flood drift and grooming  
Transporting drift to mulch pile by the Regeneration Zone (RZ)  
Removal of "hazard tree"\*1 near trailer, another on bluffs  
Distributing rest of gravel from pile to track  
Cleaning bluebird boxes by road

In addition, Samantha Hodge donated and installed a birdhouse in the LM.

The volunteer list includes: Jane Bowles, Pat Dewdney, Don Gordon, Andre LaChance, Muriel Andreae, Peter Andreae, Terry Keep, Darren Jacobs, Glen Jacobs & two others from Moraviantown, Ron Casier\*2, Bruce Parker, Joel Parker, Terry Grawey and others. Denise Saylor, Gordon Saylor\*3

We thank all volunteers for an afternoon of hard, but important work.

birds: (casual 8)

American Crow (EW); American Goldfinch (LM); Black-capped Chickadee (Tr); Downy Woodpecker (Tr); Great Blue Heron (HBF); Red-bellied Woodpecker (Tr); Turkey Vulture (UM); White-breasted Nuthatch (Tr);

\*1 a rather costly operation, as it turns out

\*2 experienced woodsman and environmental studies teacher, retired

\*3 new TTLT board member

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