

Tar & Feathers

Newport Forest Wednesday April 29 2009 2:10 - 5:35 pm

weather: prec. 15 mm; RH 54%; BP 100.63; sn/c/d; NE 1 - 15 k/h; T 19° C

purpose: to fix trailer & mulch trees

participants: Kee, Brian

A welcome rain left the property wet, but drivable. More signs of spring greeted us at the trailer. The beeflies were about and Mr Grosbeak waited expectantly on the food tray, after his long flight in from Peru.

Brian finished installing a new shelf above the diner, then went up on the roof to brush on a 20-gal bucket of tar. Meanwhile, I changed the cam cards (zero images on #1, 3 on #3 - one Wild Turkey). The river is up again after that last rain, almost up to the muskrat den at the landing. (see image below)

I laid down some experimental mulching shields around the bases of 6 or 7 trees in the RZ, then lazed in the Nook to watch the Red Squirrel work away at the bird seed. (Again, no chipmunks about)

The first wood tick of the season showed up in the trailer, another welcome sight, as Pat & I have grown rather fond of them!

I wandered around to take a few more pictures of spring flowers and then we left.

birds: (12)

American Crow (EW); American Robin (TR); Black-capped Chickadee (Tr); Blue Jay (BCF); Brown-headed Cowbird (Tr); Eastern Towhee (GF); Northern Cardinal; (BCF); Red-bellied Woodpecker (EW); Song Sparrow (HBF); Tree Swallow (Rd/UM); Turkey Vulture (FCF); White-breasted Nuthatch (Tr)

IMAGES:

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Wild Strawberry

(click on image to enlarge)



Mr Muskrat don't care 'bout no river . . .

(click on image to enlarge)



a touch of class to the neighbourhood -- my kind of guy! (kidding of course) (third flag is a skull-and-crossbones)