

Newport Forest

Wednesday July 4 2012

7:05 - 8:15 pm

Weather: prec. 14 mm; RH 84%; BP 101.2 kPa; sn/haz; calm; T 28° C

Purpose: stopping by

Participants: Kee

I visited Darren at Moraviantown today to see his regeneration project at the edge of a riverine gallery forest near the old church. We spent most of the time on site trying to locate as many saplings just inside the forest edge that could be moved out into the planting area a few metres away.

we then went out for dinner in Thamesville and ran into Rick (Goodwin) at the “johnny Quest” bar & grill. Rick says he’s looking for work. I told him we’d be doing some trail grooming in the coming week.

Back at the Rez, I was much struck by an arrangement of deer heads around a tree in Darren’s front yard, as below.

Arriving at the property around seven pm, I stayed just long enough to change the cam cards (4), finding out later that very few animals had been detected. One poorly fed Raccoon that resembled Amy (but may have been one of her kits) showed up at the Nook to eat what remained of my nachos dinner from Thamesville. The Eastern Cottontail that Pat calls “Peter Rabbit” showed up and appeared to be quite tame, letting me get to within 3 metres of him at one point.

I left as the sun was getting low in the sky.

Birds: (12)

Baltimore Oriole* (LM); Blue Jay (GF); Downy Woodpecker (Tr); Field Sparrow (LM); Mourning Dove (GF); Northern Cardinal (BCF); Northern Flicker (BCF); Red-bellied Woodpecker (GF); Rose-breasted Grosbeak (Tr); Song Sparrow (HBF); Tree Swallow (Rd/UM); Wild Turkey (UM)

IMAGES:



Darren adjusts the head of one of his bucks on the “trophy tree”.



Peter Rabbit pauses by edge of Lower Meadow less than 3 m away.

