

Date and time: Sunday September 3 2017 4:25 - 6:10 pm

Weather: Pr 11 mm; RH 65%; BP 101.3 kPa; sun/haze; winds calm; T 21°C

Contents: We visit a powwow at Moraviantown and then Newport Forest.

The annual Labour Day Powwow at Moraviantown draws many hundreds of visitors from the local area and adjacent states, including native people from elsewhere who also attend. They come from the Brantford Six Nations (Iroquoian), the Stoney Point, and Munsee Reserves, not to mention the other Delaware peoples from Muncie IN, as well as from PA, NY, NJ and MI.



We came with friends, the Amers, and sat through a great variety of dances, all accompanied by singers and drummers: Grass Dance, Smoke Dance, Line Dance (as above) and so on. There are also ladies' dances, costume contests, baby contests, and individual dance competitions. It's all very colourful and absorbing.

Booths that ringed the dance area attracted tourists as much as the dancing did. For sale: Native crafts, sweetgrass, colourful blankets in either HBC or Navajo style, furs, toy bows and arrows, jackets, vests and tee shirts, many with native motifs or badges, moccasins, and so on. As five o'clock (the official end of the powwow) drew on, merchants became increasingly anxious to clear their inventory. I picked up an excellent carving of a life-size painted loon for a mere \$20!

We left at five pm and dropped in at Newport Forest on the way back to London. The purpose was to change the sd cards on the trail cams, but I succeeded in running across a new hopper on our way to the Elbow. Layla read the thermometer and rain gauge, then remounted trail cam #3 out by the river. Then we all relaxed in the Nook before leaving the property and closing the gate.

Phenology: Goldenrod in full bloom and Asters nearly so.

Biological Inventory (ATBI)

New Species:

‘Dapplegreen Hopper’

Gyponana cacumina

Hole KD Sp03/17

Species Notes:

This is our second species of *Gyponana* and our 33rd species of Plant Hopper.

Image Gallery



Powwow fashions have grown considerably more elaborate over the last 50 years, with southwestern native American styles predominating. Is it possible to overdo it? Wait another 50 years.



More conservative (and authentic) outfits were worn by this man from the Brantford Six Nations Reserve and a Delaware woman in her finery.

Back at Newport Forest, the deer population continues to puzzle over Trail Cam #3 at the Elbow. In the image below an eight-point buck, still “in velvet”, glares suspiciously at the three-legged intruder on the Saturday morning before our visit.



He knows it just ain't natural.