

Newport Forest

April 17 2003

1:00 - 5:30 pm

Weather: overcast; ESE < 40 kmh; LM 6 C; FCF 6 C

Purpose: tree-planting

Participants: Kee, Steve

I drove to Orford Ridges Nursery and picked up 25 Tulip Trees and (as an afterthought) about 20 (bare-root) Sycamores from Mathis Natvik. All trees planted this year will be in spuds or pots as an anti-drought measure.

At the property I met up with Steve. The Gallery Forest played host to a flock of about 20 Grackles that were passing through.

We planted 9 of the TTs in the island and installed drought shields under 4 of them. (A drought shield is a biodegradable plastic membrane that hold the ground water closer to the tree roots.) I will compare the fortunes of these trees with identical plantings beside them that were not supplied with shields.

In the triangle we planted the same number of TTs, repeating the drought-shield treatment with four of them. We left the Sycamores unplanted, watering all waiting (potted) trees by the trailer.

Birds:

Grackle (20+ GF)