

Newport Forest

October 5 2003

3:00 - 7:25 pm

Weather: prec. 27 mm; sun/cloud; N < 10 kmh; LM 14 C; FCF 12 C

Purpose: tree planting & maintenance

Participants: Pat, Kee

At the TS, I cut off more roof panels that had become detached in the recent windy weather. I spaded out 7 Silver Maples, planting one by Lorne's plaque and placing the other six in the van. The wet TS soil makes it feasible to move virtually any of the trees out without putting them into rootshock.

Down at the trailer, I planted 2 of the silver Maples in the North Core, close to the road, then planted the other four in the new Fleming Creek Core near FCT300. Pat helped water the trees from the creek nearby. In the creek we found a rather large Three-ridge, a new sp. for the creek, I believe.

We had supper in the trailer and stayed until dark to see what animals might show up. A mother Raccoon with one kit (undersized, owing to late breeding last winter) came for DBs.

Birds: (10)

American Crow (UM); American Robin (FC/Br); Blue Jay (Tr); Great Blue Heron (TR); Great Horned Owl (EW); Northern Cardinal (FCF); Red-bellied Woodpecker (m Tr); Screech Owl (BCF); White-breasted Nuthatch (Tr); Yellow-rumped Warbler (FC/Br)

New species:

Eastern Boxelder Bug	<i>Leptocoris trivittatus</i>	Tr KD
Three Ridge Mussel*	<i>Amblema plicata</i>	FC/300 KD

*not a new sp. for the site, but new for FC