

Newport Forest

Saturday July 23 2005

2:25 - 8:45 pm

Weather: prec. 9 mm; RH 48%; sun/cld; SW \leq 10 kmh; LM 32 C; FCF 27 C

Purpose: to water trees

Participants: Kee

I watered the north & south cores, taking one trip for water in each case. Plus everything else, as usual.

Steve dropped by and we had a good chat in the nook before going down to measure the bridge. (Steve is making the section of deck that went missing in the last flood.)

As Steve was about to leave, Stan Caveney dropped by on the way back from his own land project down at the foot of Black's Road. He and his wife Anita have bought a trailer (somewhat more luxurious than ours) and keep it in a trailer park right next to their property.

By the time I was alone again, it was a little late to take on anything major, but I had wanted all afternoon to get at the FCT with a brushhook and this would be my only chance. It made a good workout to clear the trail on the other side of the creek, from the log bridge to the pipe bridge. By the time I was done, the sweat on my tee-shirt was turning cold in the evening air and I hastened to the van through the gathering darkness.

Note: The bottle in the malaise trap across the meadow is filling just as rapidly as before.

Phenology:

Monarda flowering done, with flowers losing petals.

Last Rose-breasted Grosbeak of record is June 16 (few bird reports in July)