

Newport Forest

Wednesday September 12 2007

2:50 -7:30 pm

weather: prec. 23 mm; RH 63 %; BP 99.35 kPa; calm; cld/sn; LM 21 C

purpose: maintenance

participants: Pat & Kee

It was great to see some rain in the gauge! We are, however, still about 200 mm behind where we were last year on this date. Pat worked in the tree nursery, mulching and weeding, trying to get it in shape for the dedication ceremony fast approaching. (september 22) The trees in the RZ continue to show some stress, overall, with some leaves turning yellow and necrotic. I think everyone will live, but more rain would help, even this late in the season. I changed the memory cards in both game cameras, with #1 showing "7" new images and #2 showing "34." (At home these proved to be mostly empty scenes, but included a few shots of the TTLT-hired foresters crossing the bridge.

I spent about half an hour cleaning the first 30 m of the Blind Creek Trail as an example to the crew coming with me next saturday. On the way back, I noticed numerous small vines twining about the tops of the wingstem plants, some two m off the ground! I collected one to show Pat. I also found what appeared to be Radiating Phlebia on the dead Willow by BC. (S) Back from the nursery, Pat identified the vine as Climbing False Buckwheat, a species already logged on site. I went up to the Copse and collected a Bolete with its cap "infected" by simple molds resembling *Penicillium* at al. A somewhat elderly Milky completed the collection of fungi (S, S) We walked to the RL together and picked a basket of the Riverbank grapes. Pat thinks she can make either a jelly or a grape concentrate for drinks from these.

birds: (12) American Crow (UM); American Goldfinch (UM); Black-capped Chickadee (GF); Blue Jay (GF); Canada Goose (TR); Common Yellowthroat (fem. BCF/HBF); Downy Woodpecker (Tr); Gray Catbird (GF); Great Crested Flycatcher (BCF); Mourning Dove (LM); Northern Cardinal (GF); Red-bellied Woodpecker (BCF);

new species:

Mushroom Mold

Penicillium sp.

GF/W kd/GT Sp12/07

phenology: New England asters in full bloom; Ebony Jewelwing sighted!