

Newport Forest

Sunday July 13 2008

2:15 - 5:45 pm

Weather: prec. 5 mm; RH 21%; BP 99.30 kPa; clr; SW 15-50 kmh; LM 28°C

Purpose: maintenance

Participants: Kee, Jame, Abid, Abdellatif

It was clear and bright, but very windy on site. Working in pairs, we groomed about 500 m of trail in the BCF, widened Edgar's Trail to the river and cut over 100 thorn trees in the LM.

Walking into the BCF, Jamie and Abid spotted a Wild Turkey that ran for cover in the BCF. Later, while "tagging" (flash spray) thorn trees in the LM, I accidentally flushed a hen from under a Ninebark bush not far from where Jamie and Abid saw the Wild Turkey. Same one? She left a clutch of 7 eggs in a ground nest under the bush, so I skedaddled to avoid troubling the bird further. The eggs in the nest were about 20-30% larger than a chicken's egg.

The mosquitos are now down to their usual dry weather abundance levels. The little raccoon was apparently nowhere about. (Good luck to it.)