

## Sweating it Out ...

Newport Forest Thursday July 8 2010 1:10 - 6:25 pm

weather: prec. 4 mm; RH 90%; BP 101.5 kPa; calm; lt rain; T 34° C  
purpose: trail maintenance  
participants: Kee, Steve

It began to rain within minutes of my arrival on site, the only rain so far this month. It lasted about 10 minutes\*. Steve arrived after the rain and we set out for the Blind Creek Forest to finish off the trail trimming using Steve's weedeater. While engaged in this work, I noticed some mushrooms that strongly resembled Angel Wings on a liner log and I took an image but no specimen, being in a hurry. The resulting kind of problem frequently confounds the amateur mushroom hunter: Angel Wings (*Phyllotus porrigens*) fruits only on coniferous wood and only in the late-summer fall season. There is no coniferous wood to speak of on site and it ain't september yet.

We also cleared some deadfall and left the whole Blind Creek portion of the trail in great shape. After a break, we finished off the Fleming Creek trail, a much shorter affair leading from the camp (i.e., trailer) down to the creek. I was unhappy to see that the Green Dragon was browning out. As if to compensate for this, I found a Buffalo Treehopper wandering along one of its leaves. (P) Pat keeps a folding chair down by the lower rapids and Steve finished the grassy area in from of her chair to a lawn-like appearance. (a great birding spot)

\*by July 9 the front has passed through the area and no more rain has fallen.

Birds: (couldn't be bothered)

New species:

Buffalo Treehopper *Ceresa alta* FC/N KD J108/10

Note: there are no less than three distinct species with the common name above. This is our second one.

Drought watch: precipitation shortfall 198 mm or 37%  
[standard annual precip baseline 900 mm]

## IMAGES

*(click on image to enlarge)*



*A troop of Angel Wing (*Phyllotus porrigens*) lookalikes sprouts on a trail liner:*

*Images such as this one cannot be used to make a firm ID except in cases of very distinctive fruiting bodies. Perhaps Greg Thorn, our consulting mycologist, will have an opinion. (I'll probably have to go back and collect.)*

*(click on image to enlarge)*



*We sometimes see Eastern Phoebes hawking insects at the upstream rapids of Fleming Creek*

*(click on image to enlarge)*



*Stealth Cam 06/20/2010 15:11:04 78F  
Steve Logan exemplifies the TTLT logo "Safety is our middle name." (caught here on the trail cam in June)*