

Tanbark Trail 11/5/08

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to see effects of 2005 defoliation

(pp. 134-23 to 25 and 134-29 to 32)

En route to Will Nixon's
Apt. and North Creek

Sugar maples have not suffered any damage from the 2005 defoliation. Most still have some persistent yellow lvs. and ample ^{leaf} litter - for all age classes.

The further west one goes into the Catskills, the defoliated area expands also northward & southward in Delaware County where it arrived in 2006.

Some areas in Delaware County were defoliated in 2006 & 2007 and others in 2006, 2007 & 2008. It is in these multiple-defoliated areas that there is sugar maple & other spp. mortality.

Dick McIntosh, on 11/11/08, knows a few of these multiple-defoliations. See also CFA and DEC - Stamford for more locations.

Also MK field notes into these western areas 2006 → 2008.

Oaks -

N-red oak has variably-colored persistent lvs.: some trees are yellow, some tan, some darker red-brown as viewed from Grandview Ledge.

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Grandview
Cover
Sparsity
Oak & beech leaf litter, which rots slowly & has ample wax, slip over each other and slide down steep slopes, leaving some till. They also make hiking slippery on steep slopes. This may be a contributing reason why some areas in E Catskills have nil ground cover. Other reasons are excessive deep of exposed boulders & deep shade.

Slippery oak litter 1st noted on Shokan High Pt., Oct-2007, (p. 111-23).

White oak - A few at Grandview Ledge and on the terrace just above it.

Chestnut oak - at Phoenicia Lockart Common, and also at trail head.

Black birch— Abundant
Sapling repro. throughout.

Hickories—

Bitternut at upper end
of 1st high ledge along trail
elev ± 920'

Another on terrace above
Grandview ledge along log road.

Shagbark— abundant
below Tanning Interp sign
at 1010'— Common above
Grandview ledge on terrace.

Oak stump ages

(copy onto oak growth rate
graph)

above Grandview ledge on
terrace. Stumps ca 15y old.

#8 Tree V 26" diam = 145 y

#9 Tree V 17" diam = 140 y

must have followed tanning.

Many stumps around small
quarry

Stump W of trail just before
Tanning Interp sign.

#10 Tree W 22" diam = 100 y.

OST & ASH common throughout.

TULIP sapling on W side of
trail just before it crosses the
deep and brook, elev. ca.
1165'!!

Views from
Grandview ledge
across the Eropus Valley:

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Cabin on Romer about 100' higher
than Grandview ledge* & 200' above
pier which invaded pastures. Above
RR station. * 1365±'

North slope of Beech Flat above
the Pantherkill has 2 to 3 horizontal
bands of NEM.

View of Mohawk Skytop tower.

Next time, get off trail
at * and follow base of
Grandview ledge to look
up at it. ● = Bitternuts

