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On our walk this morning, the sky was the exact opposite of yesterday's. It was 8 oktas full (entirely full) of what we at first thought were Stratus clouds, but turned out to be Altostratus clouds because they were so high. This made sense, because Stratus clouds don't tend to precipitate, but Altostratus clouds do. And boy were they precipitating! The road was covered with tiny ice crystals that made it quite slippery. The wind was coming from the NW at 1.5 mph, and wind wasn't a big problem this morning. It was cold and clammy, however, and the temperatures are 34.9°F and 1.5°C. The air pressure is 30.30 inHg and the humidity is 75%, which makes sense. You'd think it wouldn't be a good bird-watching day today, but funnily enough, we saw an awful lot of them...

This morning, we saw many birds, including a loudly honking group of Canada Geese, a Red-bellied Woodpecker and a female Downy Woodpecker, some crows, a small flock of starlings, some more Jays mimicking Red-tailed Hawks (seems to be some kind of fad!) and a Mourning Dove.