

Jack's Nature Journal
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The sky this morning is dark and foreboding, and full of stratus clouds. At the moment, it is probably boding snow, because that's what we get from stratus clouds this time of year. Mom said that there was a beautiful red sunrise this morning, which goes well with the phrase "Red sky in morning, shepherd's warning!" The wind is blowing at a recorded high of 2.5 mph, although, as yesterday, I am sure it was going faster than that at times during the walk. The air pressure is 30.01, the humidity is 50%, and the temperatures are 26.2°F and -3.2°C. It is cold, and when the wind blew hard during the walk, it felt positively icy! The snow is less slippery and more crunchy today; it was easier to get a foothold on as we climbed up the hill.

This morning we saw some noisy starlings soaring around in a big mob (they're back!), and some turkey vultures soaring overhead. At the bird feeder we saw some tufted titmice, a male and a female cardinal, some goldfinches and some black-capped chickadees.