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Ah, it is glorious day! The sky is completely devoid of any clouds, and the sun beams down brightly upon the ground. It would be a perfect day, if not for the fact that it is quite cold and blowing hard. The temperatures are 39.1°F and 4.3°C, and although it was much colder than that earlier, it was never 0°C at any point on the walk. The wind speed reached a recorded high of 12.7 knots per hour from the NNE, and I know this because dad installed the wind speed and wind direction part of my weather station on the roof yesterday. I can read everything from a little screen by my computer. Hooray for technology. The air pressure is 30.33 inHg and the humidity is 26%.

This morning we spotted two fat robins hopping from tree to tree (if they look fat it means that they are in their relaxed posture), a few juncos, two turkey vultures soaring high above the ground, looking down at us, and two bluebirds flying across the road to roost in a tall tree. We also saw a sweet little Eastern Phoebe hopping around. If we are seeing migratory birds, that means spring has definitely come to New Jersey!