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It is still cold this morning, but not as cold as yesterday, and the wind isn't blowing so hard as yesterday. In fact, the wind is blowing at a measly 2 mph this morning, and the temperatures are 0°C and 32°F, exactly the freezing point of water. And because it is so cold, the ground in the woods is even more slippery with frost today, so we tried to slide down the very steep parts of the trail whilst sitting down. The air pressure is 30.2 inHg and the humidity is 38%.

On our walk this morning, we saw a little male downy woodpecker flutter across the road and land in a tree. He stayed there for quite a while, until he saw us looking at him and zoomed away. A couple of noisy crows flew overhead, and a turkey vulture soared high above us. The spider question for today was “How do you think spiders would be affected by the abundance or scarcity of insects?” Well, I think that one is pretty easy to answer. They need insects to survive, so obviously they would be impacted negatively if they were in an area where flies and other insects don't pass through often, and vice versa.