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On our walk this morning, it was cold and gray, like yesterday. Unlike yesterday, it wasn't raining. But it was threatening to rain. The sky was eight oktas full of dull gray stratus clouds, that formed one long sheet that the sun couldn't even penetrate. The wind was coming from the NW at 4 mph, but there were gusts of higher than that. The air pressure was 30.2 inHg, the humidity was 42%, and the temperature was the same as it has been for the last few days, 3°C and 37°F.

A turkey vulture glided over us as we began our walk, and a red tailed hawk soared high in the sky, riding the wind currents, but we didn't really see any more birds or animals. The trees on the mountain have now entirely lost their leaves, and the mountain looks kind of purple with all the leaf-less trees and dropped leaves.

For my Keepers of the Animals project today, I had to look up spider symbols and what spiders mean to people in different parts of the world. I found some very interesting stuff. In western culture, the spider is viewed as creepy, sinister, and scary. But in Native American Culture, the spider is a symbol of wisdom and patience. In Japanese culture, if you see a spider they say it means you will be visited by a good friend soon.