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My last email was back on April 13th, almost 2 weeks ago!

I have been going outside every day that is not raining. It is my way to deal with the stay at home order. I took two pictures from the Wachusett Reservoir yesterday morning and a picture of one of my gardens today with my beautiful flower surrounded by my weeds!



Hope exists everywhere in nature. You can see it every day if you look. I used to think that birds were not interesting and that only old people watch them. Well, I guess I am old now because I watch birds all the time now! There are such a wide variety of birds and interesting behavior every day.



- The swans chase the Canada geese at the pond near my house. They make such a loud commotion. Swans are beautiful but definitely bullies.
- The seagulls do not realize that when people are walking towards them, they should fly away and land behind the walkers instead of flying and landing in front of the people. They have to keep flying away and repeat the same pattern of flying in front of the walkers. Maybe that is where the expression birdbrain came from!
- The loons are back at the reservoir and alert the surrounding wildlife of impending danger with their alarm call. They have many different calls but when I hear the alarm call, I stop and look to see if an Eagle is flying close or some other danger nearby.

I am hoping that others will send pictures or positive stories to the group besides me. I sometimes run out of ideas!

Stay safe and healthy! I miss seeing all of you!

Janet