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Subject: Swans and Other Bird Observations

Yesterday was a very hard day for our company. I didn't know what to think when I heard many of our coworkers got laid off. We weren't even in the office to say goodbye to any of them. It is still surreal. I was sad all day and am still sad. I hope that everyone will be okay, including all of us who are "survivors". It is weird but there is a common feeling after a layoff of guilt that we are still employed. If you feel this way, you are normal.

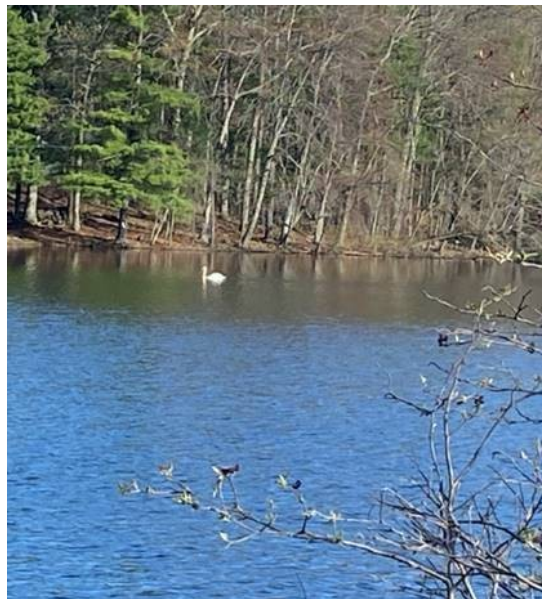
Yesterday, my day started out amazing. It didn't stay that way, but I have to hold on to the good things around me in order to deal with everything going on everywhere else.

Below is what I would have sent out yesterday if the day didn't turn out the way it did.

I always go for a walk and hope to see something I can share with all of you. I saw two swans at the Wachusett Reservoir in the gleaming sunshine. What a beautiful sight.



On my way back, I saw one of the two swans at South Meadow Pond and had to take a picture. I believe that the swans are nesting so I only see one at a time. Young swans are born grey, turn brown and then to white until they are about a year old. Later in the summer, there will be little swans swimming around the pond. This is one way nature gives us hope.



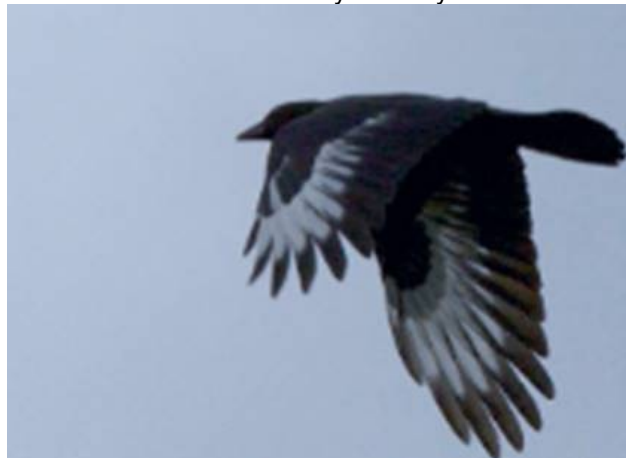
We also have a bunny in our yard. I get worried when I don't see it for a few days. They are very well hidden most of the time, but this bunny was resting next to a tree in our yard. It let me get up close and listened to me talk to it. Yes, I talk to animals, birds, and people. I don't always talk nicely to bugs and fast-driving cars. And yes, I do know that people drive the cars!



I heard on the radio this morning that many people are becoming bird watchers. I guess I would count myself in that category. Yesterday, there were so many red-winged blackbirds flying around. These birds are beautiful but only have a splash of red on their wings. They are striking but their name implies their entire wing is red!



Did you know that not all crows are black? We saw a crow yesterday that had white on its wings. It was flying with another crow that was all black. Of course I had to google this and found out that they are somewhat rare but do exist. Below is a picture of a crow that looks similar to the one I saw yesterday.



Here is the fourth sign from Meadowbrook Orchards:



Please take care of yourself.

Janet