

Owling Kilometres		15	0	
Number of Feeder Reports	2	1	1	14
Feeder Hours			1	
Snow Cover - aver. cm.	0	0	20	20
Salt Water Bays - % frozen	0	95	80	low
Salt Water - % frozen	0	85		
Fresh Water - % frozen	0	95	95	low
Weather:				
Bright Sunshine (hrs)		nil	7	nil
Precipitation	0	trace	nil	snow in pm
Cloud %	partly clear am & partly cloudy pm	100	0	100
Temperature C.	-4 to 2	-3	-4	-3
Wind Speed - aver km/hr	17	13	13	AM - nil to light
Preval. wind direction	SE	SE	WSW	
Max. Wind Speed		37	17	
Max. Wind Prev. Dir.	E	E	WSW	

where cw = species seen during the count week (three days before and after count day)

**Note:** Weather conditions in the Montague Count changed abruptly to heavy snow with stronger winds by 1:30 PM.

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### CROSSROADS SHARP-SHIN:

by Dwaine Oakley

I was finally able to watch the neighborhood Sharp-shinned Hawk in action this morning for the first time in a long time. Unfortunately for a European Starling it did not go so well. While on the computer a heard the familiar Blue Jay alarm ring out in the yard so I quickly made my way to the kitchen window only to see all birds gone from the feeders. This morning all the regulars were here in full force even the Red-winged Blackbirds and two Cowbirds. I then checked the apple trees on the side of the house just in time to see a Blue Jay screaming at the adult Sharpie at close range. This is when I seen the hawk eye a Starling in the next apple tree and before the Starling was able to retreat the hawk made one quick burst and grabbed the bird in mid air before they both tumbled to the ground. After a short struggle and plucking of a few feathers the Sharpie left for the woods with his meal.