

Swans Are Back for Another Breeding Season

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Elliott and I were out for a walk and ran across the swans on Little Star Lake that stayed here last summer. That's a great sign—they liked Little Star well enough to return again.

The Loons still haven't shown up yet because there is still too much ice on the lakes. Robins, red headed woodpeckers, blue jays, cowbirds, chickadees and nuthatches are plentiful. We hear Canadian geese in the distance honking their way to the Canadian tundra daily. Mergansers, bluebills, and mallards are seen daily on my lake.

It is so peaceful and serene here. The wind is just the slightest breeze that carries the earthy, pine and woody scents throughout the house while we air it out for spring cleaning. The bluebells, tulips, and hyacinth are budding with heads held low, waiting for that one warm day to rise up and perfume the woods with sweetness and love.

The eagles, blackbirds, foxes, and raccoons are doing their assigned job cleaning up the carrion. Couple days ago I had 3 adult and one juvenile Bald Eagles in my yard dining out on a raccoon I place there. Watching the deer through binoculars it's fun to see little legs, knees, and heads poking around in its mother's belly. Sometimes it's really startling; big, big bulges or sharp looking ones that look like the fawn is trying to scrape its way out with its hoofs.

Black squirrels have made a major comeback this spring. Most of the squirrels are black.