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Re: Signs of Spring

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Tups wrote:

For me the first sign is the song of the Carolina wren. He sings near the feeders in our yard every day for about a week in mid-February. Then he goes quiet and doesn't start singing again until late March. Also about this time the flocks of grackles and cowbirds return as long as there is some snow-free ground. They show up hungry and mob the feeders every day until a storm approaches, then they disappear again until the weather improves.

I've seen that bird activity too, as one of the first signs of spring. At the first sign of milder weather, a bunch of them show up and you hear a lot more bird noise.

Then, as you described, it gets cold again and they disappear. But where do they go? They must just find some cover and lay low until it warms again.

But where? Maybe among the branches of evergreen trees? That's about the only cover available. The broad leafed trees and shrubs have no leaves this time of year, so offer little cover against the cold and wind.