

Friends,

I'm enclosing the results from last Saturday's eagle survey. The weather didn't turn out as nasty as predicted. We got the eagles and made it home before any weather hit. Again, a very successful survey. It's so good to see all of these terrific birds spending the winter here. The nests also look promising for the nesting season. We'll keep our fingers crossed and we can see how it goes in March.

FYI. Our Memorial Orchard signs for Camp Creek have been made and are at the Park. Allen will be going down to put them up when we have a clear weather day. They look really good. I hope that we can try for another visit to Camp Creek so more people can see our Orchards. It will be interesting to see how the trees have fared over the winter.

In February, depending on weather, we'll try for a trip to Burke's Garden in Virginia. Last year we had great looks at several red-headed woodpeckers and eye-level looks at golden eagles. If you would be interested in going, let me know.

Keep your eyes on your feeders as red-breasted nuthatches and evening grosbeaks are visiting WV. I haven't been lucky yet to have either one, visit our feeders, but I keep looking. Jim Phillips had 2 evening grosbeaks visit his feeders. I do have several pine siskins that visit the feeders when the weather is nasty. I saw a ring-billed gull in Beckley Tuesday and at Lake Stephens. Very few ducks on Lake Stephens this week. That may change with these weather systems and the cold we'll be having. The northern lakes may freeze over and the ducks move south.

I hope everyone is healthy and staying warm.

Take care.

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