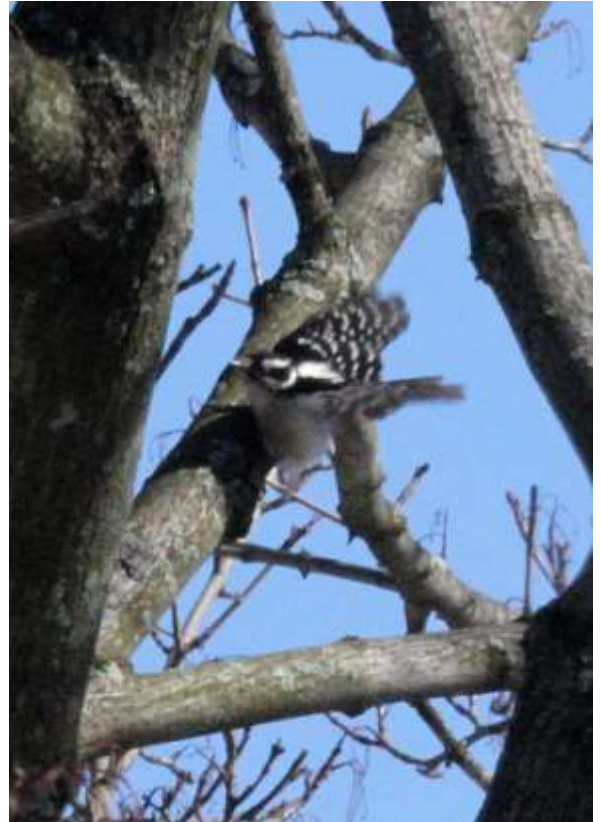




Two Downy Woodpecker females confront one another over territorial limits.



The eventual winner displays V-wings threat to the challenger hidden behind tree trunk.



‘Our’ male Cardinal spied a rival and soon forcibly evicted him from the yard. The action was too fast for photos!



Two male Robins got along well with each other for over six weeks. Then a female arrived...



Aggressive Robin

An area in our yard with bird seed and peanuts is occupied by five birds eating peacefully.

Then the bully arrived...

The exact same area just a minute later now occupied by a domineering robin, giving the last remaining dove the evil eye to ‘get out!’



The robin chased a Song Sparrow out of HIS area, when the sparrow tried to enter through the hedge and was confronted.



Aggressive Dove

Like some robins, Mourning Doves get aggressive toward other doves, sometimes over food, sometimes for no apparent reason.

Here a dove ‘bully’ (right) chased its ‘victim’ (left) past another dove that did not seem concerned. Perhaps it thought, “Least it’s not me!”



One dove harassed the other so much it just took off to avoid further trouble.



Feeder Marauder

A Sharp-shinned Hawk sat for over an hour on our back fence digesting a meal. Its presence upset our smaller birds that wanted to get to the feeders. The hawk remained impervious to the little birds.



A pair of Carolina Wrens (above) scolded the hawk from a bush 30 feet away

A bold Song Sparrow (left) got onto the feeder with the hawk nearby, but it kept a watchful eye on the raptor.



Finally, the Sharp-shinned Hawk stirred from its torpor.



The hawk moved from the back fence to the back hedge..



There the hawk spied its target, and the next second it attacked!