



From Elevator Family Takes a Hike:

“My name is Robin Twitter, and I’m a post office worker at a post office in the Twin Cities. Last January I decided to quit my job and do a Big Year.”

“A Big Year?” said Walter.

“A Big Year?” said Winona.

“A Big Year? Fantabulous!” said Winslow.

“A Bird Year is when birders see how many different birds they can find in a single year in North America,” said Whitney.

“The record is 735 different birds,” said Winslow.

“That’s right,” the woman said in her booming voice. “But my Big Year has been frustrating so far. The year is half over, and my bird count is only thirty-five different birds. I don’t know what my problem is. Every time I go to a lake, woods, or meadow where other birders are spotting dozens of birds, I end up seeing only one or two.”