Bird Reactions to the April 8, 2024, Solar Eclipse

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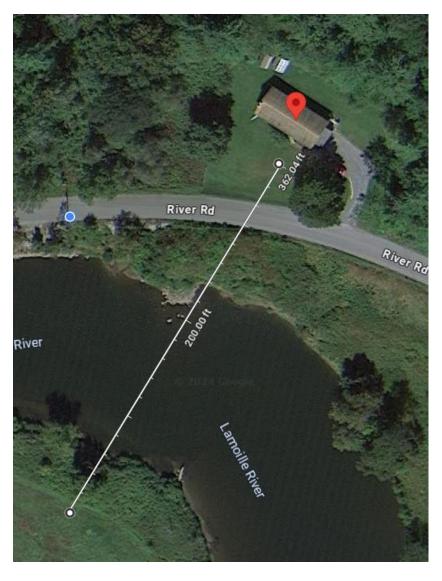
While thin clouds prevented sharp images both visually and imaging here, the Geese here added their voices to the event loud and clear.

The description:

Geese sounded off in a group loud and clear for a short time to let us know they knew something was up, across the river at our home in Fairfax Vermont, about 5 minutes before and after the total phase. I had been watching them across the Lamoille River to see if they might "stand down" or group to hear them instead.

There were about the usual dozen. A perfect addition to the event. Google pegs them at about 362 feet away.

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p.s. Are visual reports too late for the Penumbra event of the Moon? We had a foot of snow just a day before, and the night of that event, I watched the moon at full light, just before going to bed. Upon turning out the house lights, I could see the brightness of the moon very well indoors even right thru opening in the curtains. Upon rising during deep phase, I noticed the reduced light in an instant inside with only house light lights on. What a great view out the kitchen window of the reduced "graveyard" moon light and tree shadows. Who says Penumbra events are boring? This one was very special.