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Dear Mr. Petersen,

The first robins arrived on March 21, three days before last year. The red-winged blackbirds March 21, nine days before last year.

I sighted a Black-crowned Night Heron in a small woods on April 4. None had been seen before.

The barn swallows, April 20, eleven days before last year.

The house wrens, May 5, 7 days before last year. The bobolinks on May 10, three days before last year.

On the ~~nineteenth~~<sup>eighteenth</sup> of May a Least Flycatcher was seen. I had seen none last year.

The next day (May 19) the spring migration got in full swing. It was 9 days later than last year. I saw an Indigo Bunting (18 days before last year); Redstart (7 days later); Baltimore Oriole (7 days later); Black and white Warbler (7 days later); Gray checked Thrush (none); Black Tern (5 days).

The last bird of the spring migration was the Eastern Kingbird on May 20.

Yours truly,  
Robert Nelson