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Editor  
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Dear Mr. Peterson:

I thought you might be interested in this little item. I don't know that it is particularly out of the ordinary in our area but never before have we had a Brown Thrasher at our home during the winter. He had a visitor this year on February 1 and again on March 15 which is about five weeks early for spring arrivals here. (I keep pretty complete records all the time). I conclude that this bird has spent the winter in this vicinity.

We have had two crippled Purple Finches making use of our feeder: a male with an injured foot who would fly to the feeder and lie down on it to feed, and a female with an injured wing who feeds from the ground and is just now becoming able to fly some to low bushes 20-25 feet away. She has been very shy and would hop-run away at the slightest movements inside our window which is about 12 feet away. She has been crippled for at least a month.

Respectfully  
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