♫14. Song: carols and *hisselly*s (or *eek!*s). When a robin sings excitedly, sometimes it’s not easy to classify his effort into carols and *hisselly*s. In this recording, let’s count the number of low carols that are followed by a single high *hisselly*: 3, 2, 1, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 2, 3, 2, and so on. We should keep in mind, of course, that this classification into carols and *hisselly*s is a human attempt to grapple with what the robin is doing; in the robin’s scheme, no such absolute categories may exist, and perhaps, under some circumstances, some of his song notes are “intended” to be intermediates. The common robin is not so well understood. May 24, 2017. Hadley, Massachusetts. (5:30)

Play-14

♫15. Song: carols and *hisselly*s. May 31, 2009. Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming. (3:19)

Play-15

♫16. Song: carols and *hisselly*s. May 16, 2010. Yorktown National Battlefield, Yorktown, Virginia. (1:10)

Play-16

♫17. Song: *hisselly*s only! Listen carefully to the pattern in which he delivers them. Hear how repetitive he is, offering several renditions of a *hisselly* before proceeding to another? April 24, 2014. Walsh Road, Au Sable State Forest, Lewiston, Michigan. (6:49)

Play-17

♫18. Calls, when arriving in winter roost. January 15, 2006. Whately, Massachusetts. (1:27)

Play-18

♫19. Calls, sharp and agitated, in defense of a nest. June 2, 2014. Mt. Greylock State Park, North Adams, Massachusetts. (0:29)

Play-19

♫20. Calls, sounding perturbed; an adult northern hawk owl perches and calls overhead (e.g., at 0:08, 0:17, 0:30, and more) and young hawk owls wheeze down below, requesting a meal (e.g., 0:05, 0:06). A northern flicker also calls throughout the recording (e.g., at 0:04, 0:07, 0:08 . . . to 0:47). June 16, 2017. Slana, Alaska. (0:57)

Play-20

♫21. Call: the “hawk alarm,” high, thin, seemingly ventriloquial. June 25, 2012. Caribou, Maine. (1:13)

Play-21

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