

ROBIN



The Robin is the best-known bird in the East. Some are also found in the West, in Canada, and in Alaska. A few remain in the North all year; most fly south in winter, returning early in March. The first robins are always taken as a sure sign of spring. The American Robin is a kind of thrush. It was named by early settlers because it looked something like the European Robin Redbreast. Robins are found almost everywhere, except in deep woods and city streets.

They nest in yards, orchards and open woods. The nest, of mud and grass, twine and twigs, is set on a branch or sometimes in bushes. Robin eggs are greenish-blue; the female lays three to five. Male robins have very dark heads. Notice the white spots on the tip of the tail feathers. Robins feed on beetles, bugs, spiders, and earthworms.