

American Robin - *Turdus migratorius*



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The American robin is a common and colorful bird frequently seen in residential yards and at the Garden City Bird Sanctuary. Widely populated across the US and Canada, and can be found in urban areas as well as in forests

Description

Size and Shape- Fairly large bird with long legs, a thin beak, a relatively long tail, and a round belly. Young are spotted.

Color Pattern- Gray-brown body with a warm orange belly and a dark brown to black head. Males have a slightly darker head and brighter reddish-orange belly than females.

Behavior- Outside breeding season, they form flocks. During breeding season, they form pairs that last throughout the season.

Song- Series of cheerful notes which may increase or decrease in pitch.

Habitat- Can be found almost everywhere, from lawns to fields to forests to cities.

Range- Mainly reside all over the United States year-round. May migrate to Canada for the summer and to mate and to Texas, Florida, and Mexico for the winter.

Diet- During winter, they mostly eat fruits and berries from trees. During summer, they forage on the ground for worms and insects.

Bird Statistics

Scientific name- *Turdus migratorius*

Family- Turdidae (thrush)

Conservation Status- Least concern

Length- 7.9-11 in (20-28 cm)

Wingspan- 12.2-15.7 in (31-40 cm)

Weight- 2.7-3 oz (77-85 g)

Egg Statistics

Color- pure sky blue or blue-green

Nest- Nicely enforced bowl of mud reinforced with straw and grass. Preferred nesting sites are in shrubs.

Clutch size- 3-5 eggs

Number of broods- 3

Length- 1.1-1.2 in (2.8-3 cm)

Width- 0.8 in (2.1 cm)

Incubation period- 12-14 days

Nestling period- 13 days

Additional information:

<http://www.nhptv.org/natureworks/robin.htm>

<http://birds.audubon.org/birds/american-robin>

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