



Robin

Turdus migratorius

Robins are often thought of a harbinger of spring, but did you know that they can be found in New Jersey year-round?

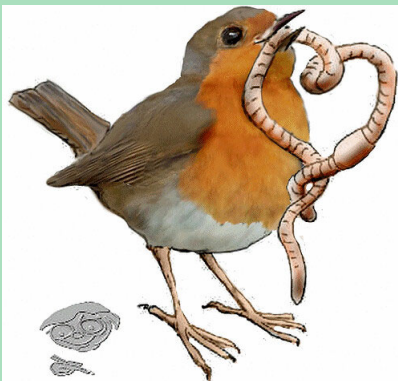
Robins are a grayish-brown bird with an orange-red belly. The head is darker than the body. Female robins heads are paler than the males. They have a white patch on the lower belly and under the tail that is visible when the bird is in flight. The eyes have a white incomplete eye-ring. That means that the white around the eye does not go all the way around, but may be broken up in places. The throat is white with black streaks.

Their call sounds like *cheerily, cheer up, cheer up, cheerily, cheer up*. The song will be repeated with a slight break in between.

You can find them in many different habitats, like yards, urban areas, marshes, parks, fields, forest edges and more.

Their nest is cup-shaped made of grass and twigs and reinforced with mud. The inside of the nest is lined with fine grass.

The eggs are laid in clutches of 3-5 eggs and robins may have 1-3 broods per year. The eggs are unmarked and sky blue or blue-green in color.



Ask A Naturalist

Have you ever heard the saying “The early bird gets the worm?” Look for robins in your yard, munching on earthworms. Go online and learn the robin’s call. Then, go outside and listen for them. Do you have any living near you?