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American Robins

American robins are so common that we often overlook how truly beautiful they are. With their rufous breasts and loud, liquid songs, we are lucky to have them around us. Growing up, I was taught that robins are a sign of spring, but they are present across most of North America all year round.

They are quite tolerant of humans, living and nesting all around us, which allows us to observe many aspects of their lives. One intriguing behavior is one of their methods of foraging: running, stopping, and cocking their heads with one eye to the sky and one to the ground. Are they listening or looking for their food? Amazingly, no one seems to know for sure.



Robin nestlings

Female robins look very similar but are more muted in coloring with a paler breast and a lighter hood and back than the male.

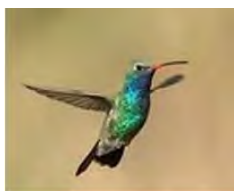


Male American Robin



Female American Robin

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Southwest Wings

