

# American Robin

*Turdus migratorius*

## General Information:

-In many areas this bird is considered a sign of spring, though it is a year-round resident in most of its US range. It is among the most common, widely distributed, and most well known birds in North America.

## Song:

-A bold gurgling  
leisurely *singsong cheerily*  
*cheer-up cheerio.*

## Behavior:

-Solitary or in pairs,  
this medium sized songbird is  
gregarious after the breeding  
season. It eats earthworms,  
insects, and berries.



## Breeding:

-Monogamous and solitary.

## Nesting:

-Incubation of 12-14 days by the female. The 2 broods per year of altricial young are brooded by the female, fed mostly by the female, and stay in the nest for 14-16 days.

## Population:

-Abundant and widespread in a variety of habitats, including forests, woodlands, gardens, and parks.

## Conservation:

-A neo-tropical migrant that is vulnerable to pesticide poisoning in the food chain.

## Shoreline Restoration Issues:

- If you would like to create an environment friendly to the American Robin I would suggest that you concentrate on a nice mixture of deciduous and coniferous trees, berry producing shrubs, ferns, and wildflowers in the buffer zone. However I believe that the most important thing to do is to plant some no-mow grasses between the buffer zone and your residence. This combination will give it a lot of different food options.