

The American Robin - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired

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The robin is one bird that almost everyone recognizes. Its cheerful song usually signals the beginning of spring.

[A Robin sitting on her eggs]

It nests in trees and bushes, and even occasionally in buildings.

[A fledging breaking out of the egg]

Three or four bluish green eggs are incubated by the female for 12 days.

[A Robin feeding her babies]

The newborn robins are fed a diet of earthworms, caterpillars, moths, and other insects. It takes about 13 days for the young to fly, and during that period many of them fall prey to cats, squirrels, and crows.

The robin will vigorously defend its territory against other intruders; even a stuffed robin.

[A American Robin tearing off the head of a Robin puppet]

For more information about the robin, contact the Canadian Wildlife Service, Ottawa.