



Outdoors

Nature Card

Make your very own Outdoor Guide



Robin



What signals that spring is here? Most people say that it is seeing a robin in the yard. But it's not the robin – it's the worms. Robins live here all year long but in the spring time, as the ground thaws, worms rise to the surface. In order for robins to breed they need the particular nutrition that worms provide. So they hang out on lawns to pluck up the earthworms to eat. Once they lay their eggs, they go back to eating fruit from plant sources.

Robins lay beautiful, blue eggs – so striking that the color “Robin’s Egg Blue” has become well known. They lay six to eight eggs in a nest made of twigs and grass on the outside and lined with mud on the inside. The baby birds hatch in two weeks, are kept warm by the mother, fed by the father, and fly on their own in only two weeks. The robin is a large thrush with a bright orange-red breast. Its favorite habitat is short grassy areas like lawns – because that’s where they find the worms!

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Make your very own set of Nature Cards to take with you when exploring the Blackstone River Valley. Print on heavy paper or cardstock, cut out along the lines, and glue both sides together. To make the cards last longer, laminate or seal with clear packing tape. Punch a hole in the top, left corner of each finished card and use an O-ring or a paperclip to keep them organized.



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