



Is it Spring Yet?



photo by Joe Brooks




Many look to the American Robin as a clear indication that spring has arrived. But what about that Robin you saw in January? ➔

Where Robins winter is more dependent on food availability than temperature.

Some flocks will fly north during the winter and then back south depending on where food is available, so it's possible you could see them during any part of the winter.





However, if you look close and see they are gathering materials for nest building, it's a good sign spring is here to stay. →

**Want a few more
clues that spring
is on the way?**



Keep an ear out for woodpecker drumming. Woodpeckers drum in late-winter/early spring when establishing territories and mating.



photo by Kim Stringer



Look and listen for Redwing Blackbirds- most, if not all, migrate out of our area in the winter and return when spring is around the corner. ➔

Also keep an eye out for sap buckets in the sugar bushes around our area, it means sap is running in maple trees as they prepare for leaf out. ➔

photo by Jordan Broadhead



Finally, keep a nose out for the smell of skunk- they are one of the first mammals to emerge from winter “hibernation” (technically winter lethargy).

