

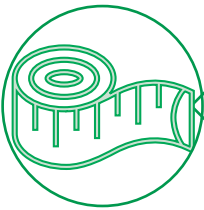
Robin

Habitat Hero



Seen in Ireland:
Year Round

Common Name: Robin
Irish Name: Spideóg
Scientific Name: *Erithacus rubecula*



Size: The Robin grows to be 14cm long from its beak to its tail, and it weighs just 20grams.



Habitat (where it lives): Robins will nest in garden birdhouses, in woods, hedges, and in walls covered with Ivy.

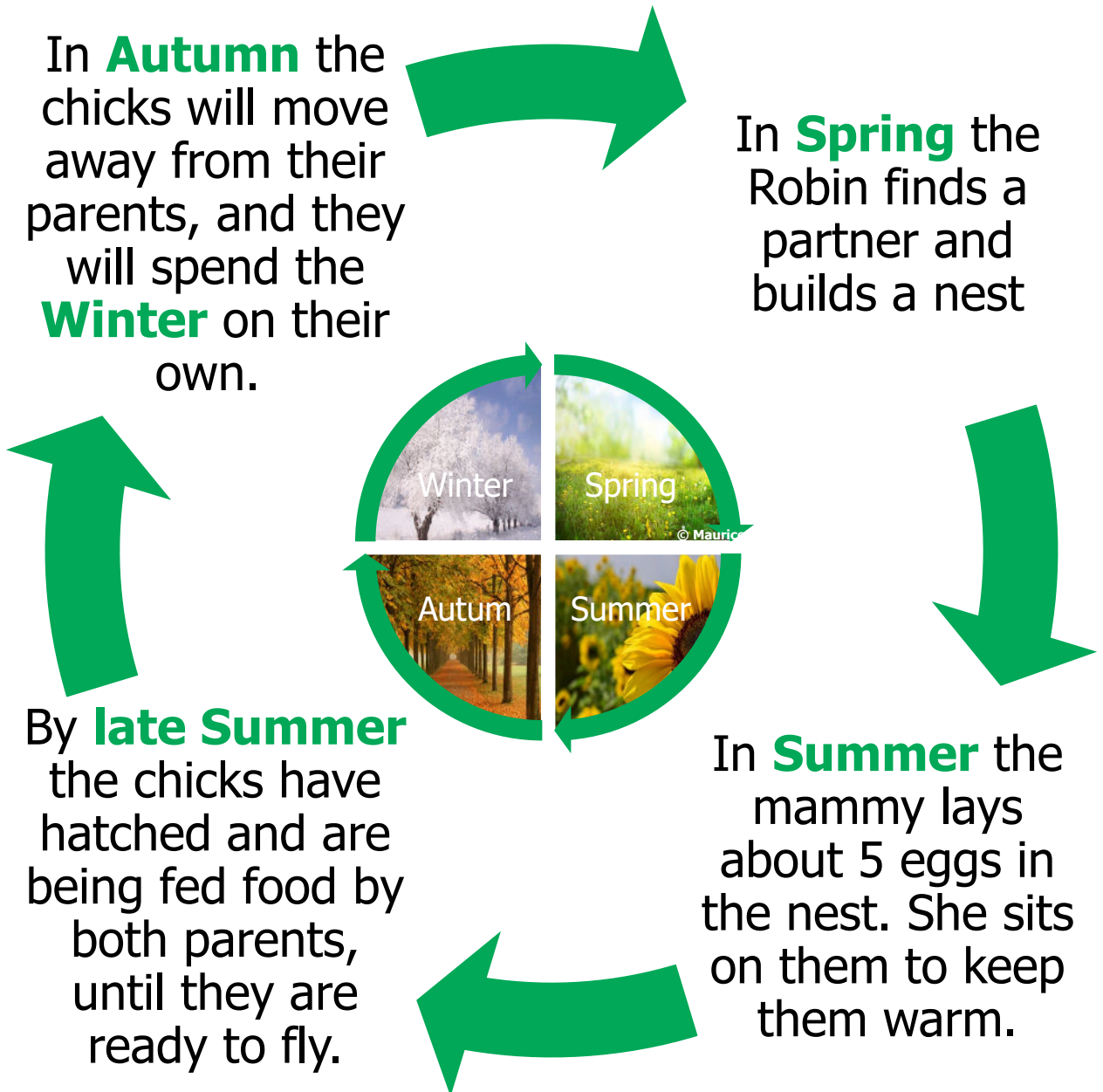


Diet: Robins eat worms and insects. But they also eat fruit, like apples and berries.



Life: Robins usually live between 1 and 2 years but can live longer. The oldest known Robin lived to be 19 years old!

Robin Life Cycle



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Some more Facts:



- Robins will start looking for a partner in Spring.
- The cup-shaped nest is built by the mammy.
- It is made of leaves and moss and is lined with soft materials like hair.
- The female will lay 4-6 eggs.
- She sits on the eggs to keep them warm for 10 - 13 days; her partner will bring her food, so she doesn't get too hungry.
- The chicks hatch without feathers and need their parents to give them food and warmth.
- Both the mammy and the daddy look after the nestlings.
- The chicks start to leave the nest (fledge) at two weeks old.
- Parents help the little chicks for about 3 weeks after they leave the nest.
- In Autumn and winter all Robins begin to live on their own for a few months, until Spring arrives.
- Robins are very friendly! Robins often follow gardeners around the garden hoping to catch insects that they have dug up.
- If you spend enough time working in your garden at school or at home, you will surely make friends with a Robin!
- There are about 4 million Robins in Ireland- nearly as many as people.
- Robins are also known as Robin Red Breast, but young robins have less red than the adults.

