One habit of the robin is not well known—that of the males spending the nights during the breeding season in a grove, some distance, often, from the nesting site. Immense numbers of robins gather at these "roosts"—as many as ten thousand have been known to assemble in one grove near Boston—though through the entire day they are devoted to their mates and assist in the process of hatching the eggs and feeding the unfledged young.

In the more southern districts the spring migrants arrive in small, straggling parties, but in the Maritime Provinces the robirs from the south come in large flocks—thousands strong, accompanied by song sparrows and juncos.

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