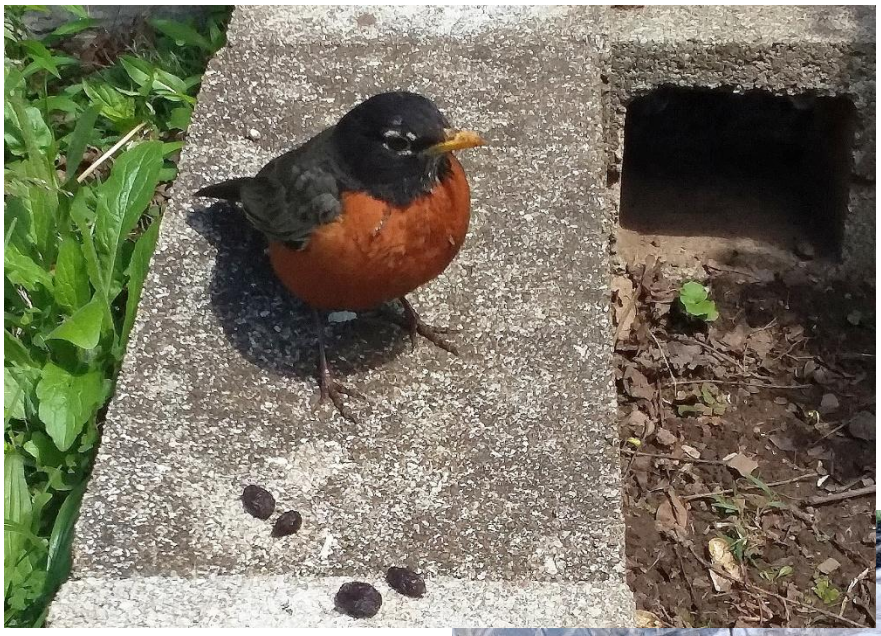


My original male robin friend on an afternoon in 2021. He and I were relaxing on a wall in my back yard. We only about two feet apart.



The male robin and his first wary mate (farther away) waiting for raisins from me.



As the pair got more at ease with me, the female decided she would make a nest nearby.


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So, she put it close to a free food source, on the light on my back porch!!





She found plenty of grass with which to form her nest. Maybe a bit TOO much! Some hung over the light fixture.



And all the extra ended up on the porch floor!

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In 2022, a second female became the mate of my robin male friend. This was the one obsessed with attacking her own image in car mirrors and windows. Here she stood on a side mirror ready to attack that female in the window – herself!



She dove in feet first to get rid of that hussy in her territory.



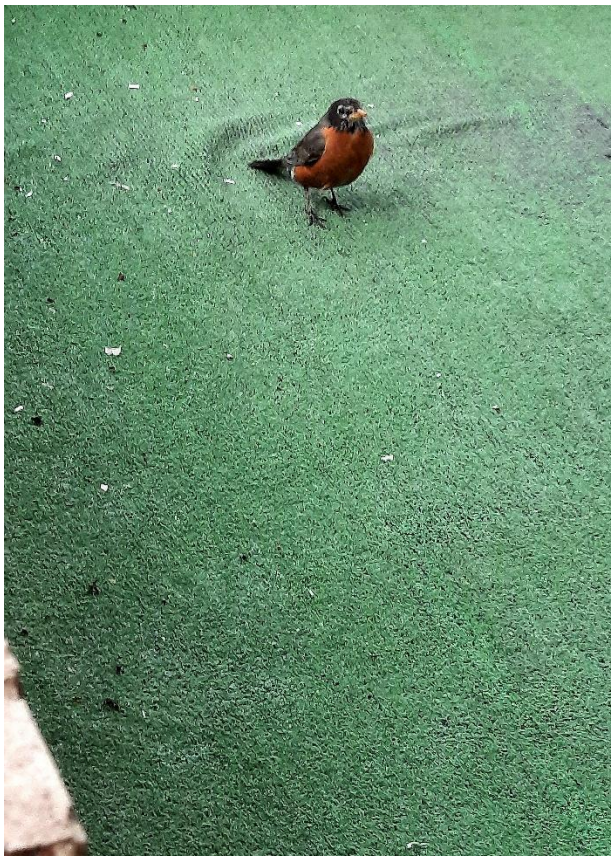
Meanwhile, another female robin with a feather mite problem came for and got free raisins. Yet, the other robin pair tolerated her presence, even the crazed female who attacked her own reflection.

I wonder if she was the female robin from 2021?

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In 2023, I had a brief visit from a female robin who had been here before and remembered free raisins could be found on this porch.

Again, was she the robin from 2021?





In 2002, I had a peanut feeder like this one from Coverside. The roof was hinged for filling it with peanuts. A plastic window in front had a cut out for the peanuts to spill out.

Cardinals like peanuts. This male was attracted to the nuts on the ground.



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Both the male and female cardinals like to eat peanuts.



Here a female cardinal grabbed a whole peanut to fly away to spot to tear the shell off – maybe for her nestlings.



Yes, male and female cardinals know how to bathe in a bird bath, but rubbing against wet leaves is an alternative method of bathing.


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