

Redwing

Turdus iliacus

Common in Icelandic birchwoods and in urban gardens. Are dark-brown above, white or pale yellow below. Have dense dark streaks on breast, less on the belly. Their reddish-brown flanks and underwings coverts distinguish them from other thrushes. The bill is sturdy, yellowish with a dark tip. Feet are pale brown and eyes dark brown. On their arrival in the spring the males begin to sing to defend their territory. Is gregarious outside of breeding season and often found in flocks.



Breed in all kinds of woodlands in lowlands, are found in birchwoods with plentiful undergrowth, in gardens and cultivated woods. Their nest is a grass cup woven on a foundation of mud, twigs and stalks, often in trees. They often breed 2-3 times per summer. Are observed widely during migration, both

on the seashore and in the woods. Winter in Western Europe, some thousands stay in urban areas of Iceland through the winter.

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