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Nesting

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In the grass at my feet, a portal opens and I glimpse a cerulean universe. I bend to see whether I might step in, and a fleck of eggshell itself blue against, the vigor of green. As I push the broken piece aside, a yolk spreads quietly beneath.

Vicious cheeps from the enormous oak above reveal a robin nested on a low branch. Her neck bobs, belly swells and shrinks feet since. She flashes wild as the black peens of her eyes hold and shake me.

They say, there is no way to do this. There is only going mad.

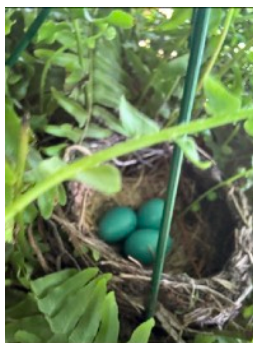
A robin lays a clutch of eggs, stopping when the number feels right beneath her body. Are there more in her nest, or only the one at my feet? Slow and soft as I can. I grasp the blue shell and hold it up to her, its speckles like dark stars.

Writer and publisher Erwin Wood of Arkansas writes in Catapult, The Rumpus, River Teeth's "Beautiful Things."



An Awaiting Mother June 4 2026

Photo by Andreea, Polk
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Robin Eggs



Fletching 14 Days

Aldo Leopold the famous writer and journalist wrote in his "Sand County Almanac" in 1977. A graduate of Yale University Aldo has worked around the continent of the United States. However he retired to study his one acre plot of bottom marshy bottom river land.

His tools? His watch, his sight, a journal and his tenancy. Upon his death he left only his pencilled manuscript filled with observations, initiative, sayings and data. What during the last forty-nine past years did Leopold teach us?

How to observe.

Watch behavior and use the wild plants and their value to people.

Respect the importance of birds.

Learn how to live with the mammals and insects within each kingdom.

Be attending to seasonal changes.

July is the month of Great Possessions!



Goatsbeard

July is the month of Fireflies, the sky is alight with dancing Fireflies!

Read Robert Frost, "Fireflies in the Garden"