

Songbirds love northern Alberta!

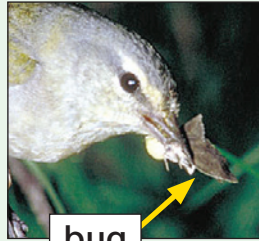


songbird

Fly north in the spring

Every spring, millions of songbirds fly north to northern Alberta. They build nests and raise chicks there.

The birds like northern Alberta because there are many bugs to eat. There is lots of space too.



bug

Raise chicks

The male bird often arrives first. He finds a tree or bush for a nest. He sings to defend his area. He sings to attract a female.

Soon the male and female mate. They build a nest. The female lays eggs. Then the eggs hatch.



nest

The chicks grow fast!

Fly south in the fall

In the fall, the songbirds migrate south to the United States, Mexico, Central America and South America.



Photos—Tennessee warbler with moth, nest: Royal Provincial Museum (Edgar T. Jones); western tanager, black-and-white warbler: Lesser Slave Lake Bird Observatory