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During most of July, I'll be in Alaska leading a Photography Tour. I'll be hard to reach and may not be able to return emails in a timely manner, but I will respond just as promptly as possible.

Since I'm returning late in July, any photographs from Alaska won't appear in my Newsletters until the September 1st issue.

Featured Photograph No. 1



Female Rose-breasted Grosbeak

It'll be summer by the time you receive this Newsletter. However, I just had to include a discussion of another sure sign of spring.

My last Newsletter related to Spring Green and Spring Wildflowers. In addition to this, nothing exemplifies spring more than the return of the migrating birds from wherever they've wintered.

I chose to include photographs and a brief discussion of the male and female Rose-breasted Grosbeak. They are beautiful birds that return from wintering in tropical North America, including a little in the southern United States, but mostly Mexico and Central America. They return to breed primarily in Eastern and Midwestern United States and Canada, and are one of the first birds to return.

Their name comes from the French word "grosbec", which means "large beak".

As you can see in my Featured Photographs, the male and female look quite the opposite, which is fairly common among birds. Although they have certain markings which are similar and both have the same beak, their colors are very different; the female is rather drab which helps camouflage her while sitting on eggs.

Although their shape resembles a large finch, they're actually part of the cardinal family of birds. They have a delightful song and it's described as similar to a Robin that's had voice lessons.

Like so many birds, they play an important part in our environment by consuming large numbers of insects. Although plentiful, their numbers have somewhat declined because of shrinking habitat.

Featured Photograph No. 2



Male Rose-breasted Grosbeak

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