

## BOBOLINK



The Bobolinks are relatives of Black birds. Their call is Bob-o-link, bobolink. They arrive in the northern states and Canada in late spring and early summer. The female hides her nest of grass and rootlets in tall grass on the ground. In it, she lays four to seven eggs -white with brown and gray spots.

In early fall Bobolinks start south on their 5,000-mile trip to Brazil and Argentina, where they winter. Their bright plumage has changed by that time. In the South they look like Sparrows. Bobolinks' main food is insects: beetles, ants, grasshoppers; they also eat some grains and weed seeds. In the South, Bobolinks are called Reedbirds and Ricebirds. Farmers in Louisiana and Texas say that flocks of Bobolinks damage their rice crops.