American Robin

(Turdus migratorius)

The American robin is one of the most common birds in North America. They are often seen in summer walking across lawns looking for earthworms. In the winter, they spend more time in trees eating berries and fruit. In the summer, they have a varied diet-- eating differently during different times of the day with more earthworms in the morning and more berries in the afternoon.

American robins can be found in a variety of habitat types and year-round in the Puget Sound area.
Pacific madrone (also called madrona) is an attractive broadleaf evergreen tree with a twisting reddish trunk and contortionist branches. Its oval leaves have a leathery texture that look similar to those of a rhododendron. Its creamy-white blossoms are loved by hummingbirds and the orange berries offer food to wildlife. Cavity nesters find the tree appealing.

Its striking, polished brownish-red bark peels off in thin scales. The flowers are bell-shaped and grow in large clusters. While attractive, this tree is always dropping something - flowers, bark, leaves, or berries, so it is best to plant this tree away from patios and decks.

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