



# California Wildlife Center

## Patient of the Week

**February 13, 2026**

### Robin the Odds

The American Robin is a classic, well-known bird found across much of North America. The robin has a melodic song and is a frequent visitor to backyard lawns, where they forage on the ground for earthworms, as well as a variety of insects and fruits. The species has a striking appearance, with a rust-colored chest and dark feathers covering their body. Although American Robins are considered migratory, many who live in California stay year-round.



Patient with wing wrapped.

An American Robin was recently admitted to CWC. The patient appears to have sustained injuries from some type of blunt force, as evidenced by swelling in their right shoulder and an injury to their right toe. Radiographs revealed a fracture in the right coracoid (a bone in the shoulder region that connects the breastbone to the shoulder joint). Our team also observed subcutaneous emphysema (air trapped under the skin) in both hips, which can result from trauma.

The robin's wing was wrapped to limit movement at the fracture site, and the injured toe was cleaned and dressed.

The bird was prescribed anti-inflammatories, antibiotics, and antiparasitic medications, and is currently on cage rest to minimize stress and movement. Staff are monitoring for signs of subcutaneous emphysema, though the medical team believes it has resolved.

This American Robin has a guarded prognosis, but our dedicated team is working diligently to manage the patient's pain and provide the medical support needed to give this bird the best chance for recovery.