

The North American Robin Unifying Sewer People Everywhere Patrick Stevens

People in the sewer business have always struggled with their self image, trying to strike a balance between the sense of humor presented to the public and the professional pride that only a few can appreciate. For a few years I have promoted the idea that the sewer industry adopt the North American Robin as its mascot. It would be similar to the water industry's use of the single water drop.



The reasons for selecting the Robin as the Mascot are that, just like sewer people:

The Official Bird of Collection Systems
American Robin

- The Robin lives and works in every state and province in North America and is found where ever people live or congregate
- The Robin spends its day with an eye to the ground looking after things unseen by others,
- Makes a living doing things with holes in ground that most people find disgusting and
- Most importantly the Robin's scientific name is a fitting reflection of our business - ***Turdus migratorius***.

The 'Odor of the Turd' is an organization that has evolved to recognize sewer people of note based on their activity in the sewer business and their sense of humor. Inductees to the 'Odor of the Turd' are given their sacred pin (similar to the image below), the secret handshake and the secret password. It is estimated that the Odor of the Turd has over 500 members.

