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Unknown Breeds of Chicken

I have been getting calls from people who are interested in raising chicken. The מסורה, tradition of permissibility, is not dependent on the

name of the breed as this is a random classification of a bird. Rather the bird is judged by its appearance and behavior. If it looks and behaves like a normal chicken it is kosher regardless of what the breed name is. However, if it does not look like a normal chicken further investigation is needed.



more than one egg, look at the nest and make sure the bird is on the nest and that the nest is not somewhere that it would qualify as someone's personal property. As you approach, have in mind to fulfill the mitzvah and your intention of causing the robin to fly away. As you get closer to the nest, the robin will fly away. Pick up the eggs and take ownership. Put them back and walk away. תזכה למצות!!! If this mitzvah is done during the day, the robin eggs will likely survive.



Published Studies

The B.O.S. recently acquired the website www.shechitah.com. Special thank you to the person who made this happen. We are currently working to present a pictorial representation of all the breeds of kosher birds which have been slaughtered in the United States, particularly NY.

שלוחה הקן Shiluach HaKan

The robins are beginning to nest. The tradition, as per the רמ"א (YD 82), is not to consume birds which do not have a מסורה, tradition of permissibility. Thus, although we do not consume the robin or its eggs, it is recognized as a kosher species. The general custom among non-chassidic Ashkenazim is to accomplish this mitzvah even if the person has no intention of consuming the eggs. Robins tend to lay a number of eggs, once there is



Different Robins

The American robin is different than the European robin (pictured to the left). Both are considered kosher, however, there is no מסורה, tradition of permissibility, for the American robin. The European robin was accepted as kosher by the Jewish community of Livorno Italy.

There was a time when both were classified as thrushes. However, the European robin is now classified as a species of flycatcher