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## Forest Emeralds in the Early Spring Winds

There is a common belief that the Robin is the first sign of spring in this area. There are other birds that make the seasonal entry to our area even sooner. One species is the Tree Swallow. This artwork shows the early arrival of the Tree Swallow into the Spring with only buds beginning to appear before the burst of green leaves begin. These birds are simply waiting for the cold winds to cease and the warm spring breezes to begin.