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A detailed illustration of a tree with a brown trunk and green foliage. On the left, a hawkfinch sits on a branch next to a cup-shaped nest. A moth is nearby. In the center, a hawkfinch is shown in flight. On the right, a thrush sits on a branch above a nest containing blue eggs. A bee and a ladybug are also present. At the bottom, a wood nuthatch is shown plugging a hole in the tree trunk with mud.

The hawkfinch builds its nest with great care. The nest must be stable and able to keep both the eggs and the hatched baby birds safe.

Eggs must stay warm and that's why birds sit on them. The first nestlings are already beginning to hatch in the thrush's nest. Anyone who has trouble getting out can count on their mum's help.

The nestlings of the wood nuthatch will stay safe in the hollow. But the entrance needs to be plastered with mud, to prevent unwelcome guests from getting in!



This young Eurasian blue tit has already fled the nest. But it will still spend the next few days begging its parents for food before realising it's on its own from now on.

The long-tailed tits have to bring their young food, going so far as to put it straight into their little open beaks. And if anyone doesn't claim their share loudly enough they'll stay hungry!

Look, the cuckoo would like to lay an egg into a robin's nest! If the parents don't notice in time that the young bird isn't their own, they'll take care of it as though it were. But the robin is aware of the cuckoo, forcing it to try its luck somewhere else.



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Who lives in tree hollows?



Where does a squirrel sleep?

Find out how a nest is built!

The top of the spreading oak is very busy. The tree's robust twisting branches are the ideal place for building a nest. And there's someone living in the hollows, too! Look inside the many nests to learn what kind of crafty birds built them, how nestlings hatch from eggs, and what caring for their young involves. Peek beneath the foliage and see the many birds hiding in the tree!



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