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Birds



Hen

Hens lay eggs with a hard shell. Eggs may be laid in a nest or another safe place, depending on where the hen lives. Some hens lay eggs regularly, while others lay fewer, and not all eggs are kept to hatch. If a hen is going to hatch chicks, she may sit on the eggs to keep them warm.



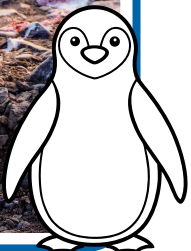
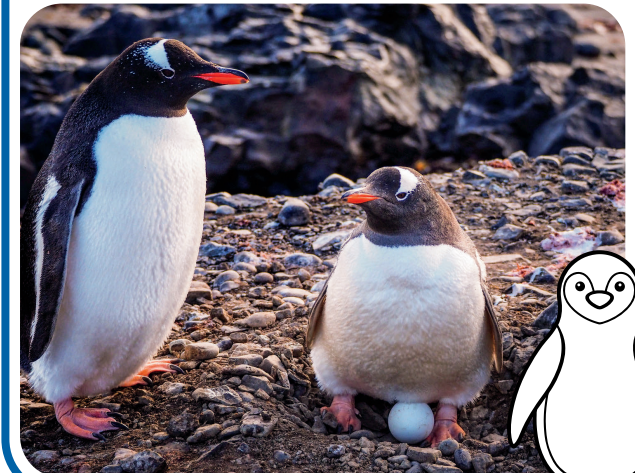
Eagle

An eagle lays its eggs in a nest high on a cliff. Their eggs have hard shells. They usually lay between 1 and 3 eggs at a time. Eagles build the largest nests of any bird.



Penguin

A penguin lays their eggs in a nest made from rocks. The egg has a hard shell. Penguins usually lay 2 eggs at a time. A male emperor penguin keeps the egg warm by holding the egg on their feet and covering it with warm skin.



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Reptiles

Snake

A snake usually lays their eggs on the ground. Snake eggs have a soft shell. Some snakes bury their eggs, and some guard them to keep them safe. Snakes can lay up to 50 eggs at one time.



Crocodile

Crocodile eggs have a hard shell. They are usually laid in sand on banks next to water. Crocodiles can lay up to 60 eggs at one time. The mother protects their eggs until they hatch.



Lizard

Lizard eggs have a soft shell. They are usually laid in soil and then hidden. A lizard lays between 5 and 20 eggs. The eggs stay safely hidden in the soil until they hatch.

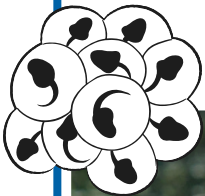


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Amphibians

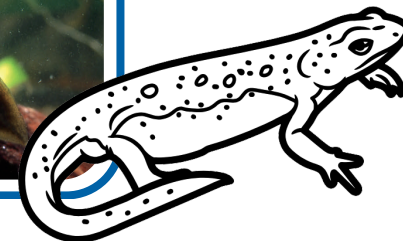
Frog

Frogs lay their eggs in water. The eggs look a bit like jelly. There can be as many as 1000 eggs laid at one time. Frog eggs are called frogspawn. When the eggs hatch, the baby frog is called a tadpole, and it lives in water until it grows.



Newt

Newts lay their eggs in water or in damp areas. Like frogs, their eggs are jelly-like. Newts can lay up to 300 eggs at a time. Often, newts attach their eggs to plants. Eggs are deposited individually onto vegetation, and the leaves are carefully folded over. You might find newt eggs in ponds, but it is important not to unfold the leaves as this could damage the egg.



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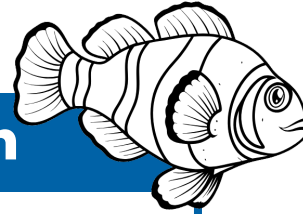
Fish

Salmon

Salmon lay their eggs on the side of rivers. Their eggs are soft. The female salmon digs a nest, called a 'redd', to store the eggs. Salmon can lay up to 3000 eggs at one time.



Clownfish



A clownfish lays its eggs on rocks or coral under the sea. It lays between 50 and 100 eggs. Like salmon, the eggs are soft. The male clownfish guards the eggs until they hatch.



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Insects



Butterfly

A butterfly lays its eggs on leaves. The eggs are soft. They can lay up to 200 eggs at one time. When the egg hatches, a caterpillar comes out, which then later develops into a butterfly.



Ladybird

A ladybird lays its eggs on the underside of leaves. They usually lay around 50 eggs. The eggs are soft, like a butterfly's egg. They are bright yellow.



Praying Mantis

A praying mantis lays hundreds of eggs all inside a case. They are usually laid on branches or leaves. The case is hard and protects the eggs from predators and the weather. Some mothers guard their egg case to help protect the young.

