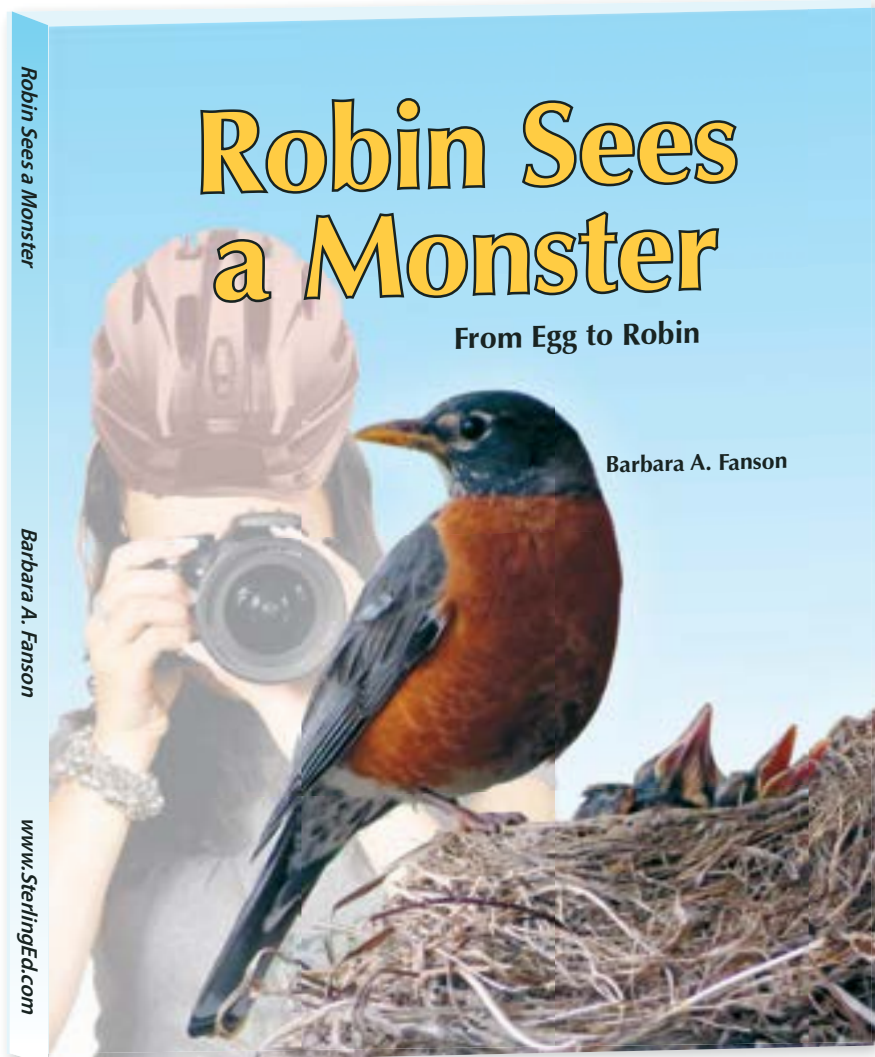


Robin Sees a Monster Activity Pages

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It's not easy building a nest with only a beak to carry dry weeds and mud. Robin has to fight the wind while building a nest. Then she has to protect her baby birds and look for food constantly.

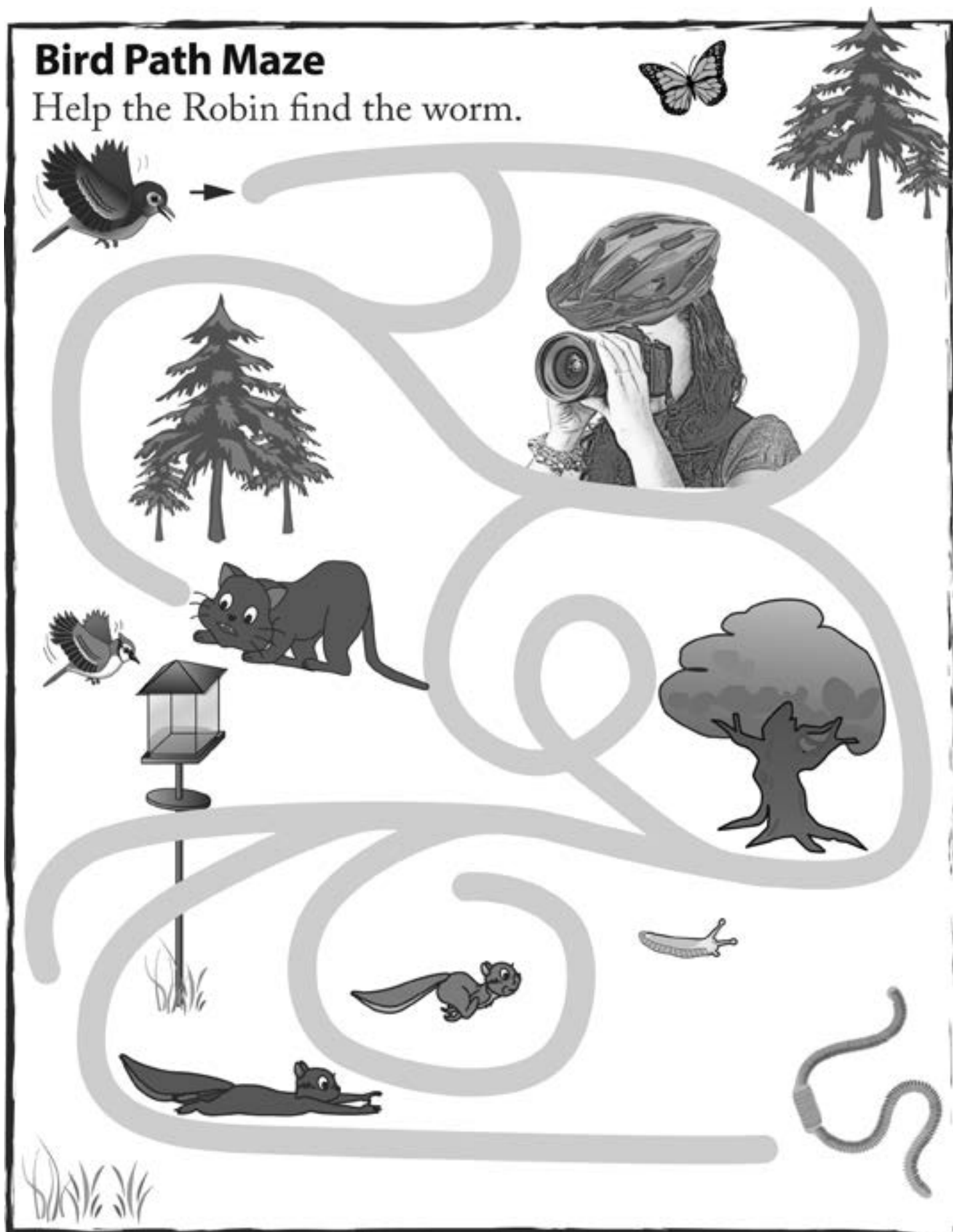
From egg to Robin, this photographic book shares the life cycle of four robin eggs. Add two predators and you have an interesting story of survival.

Robin Sees a Monster is an educational and interesting fiction book based on facts.

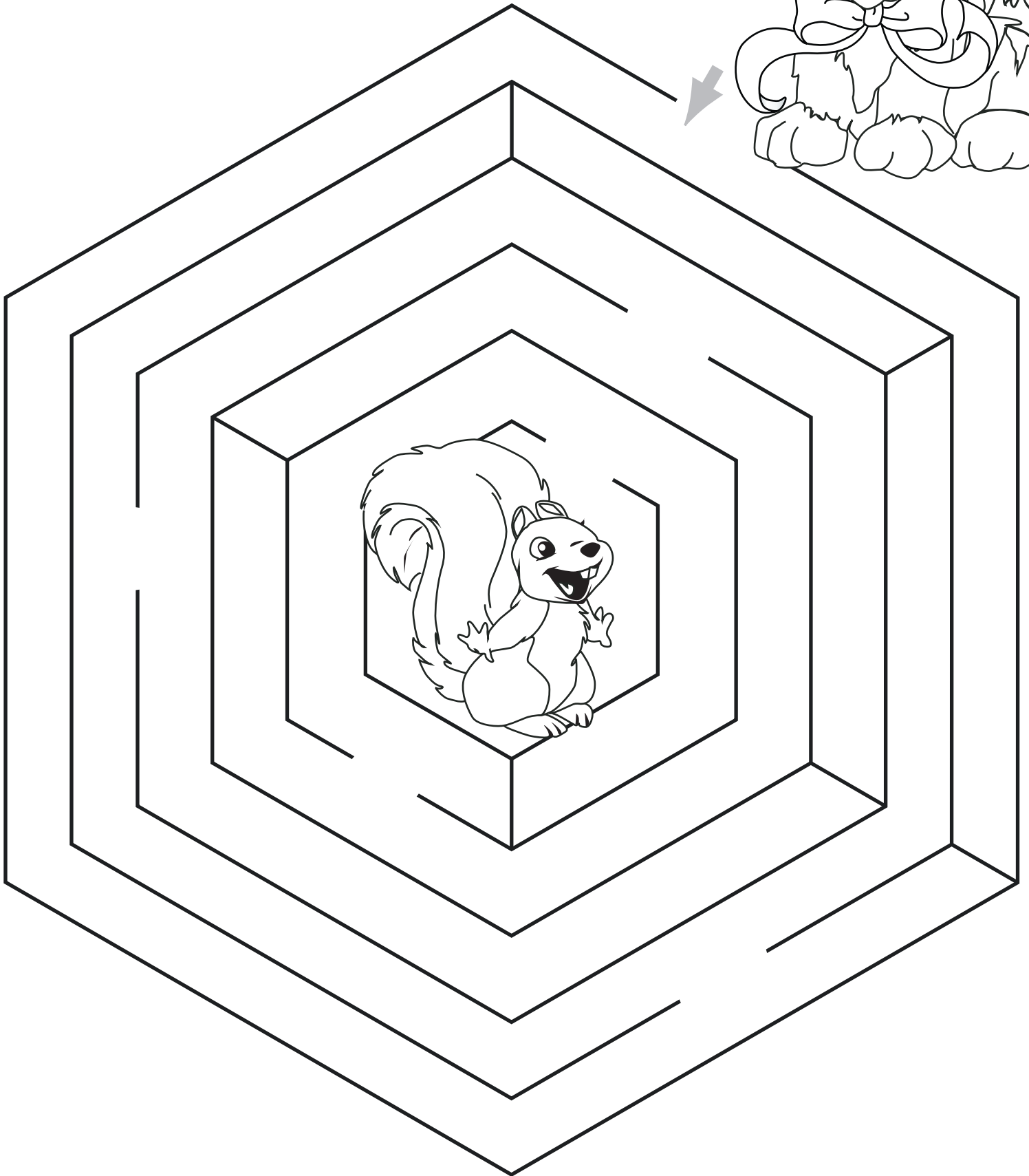
Will the baby birds or fledglings learn to fly?

Bird Path Maze

Help the Robin find the worm.

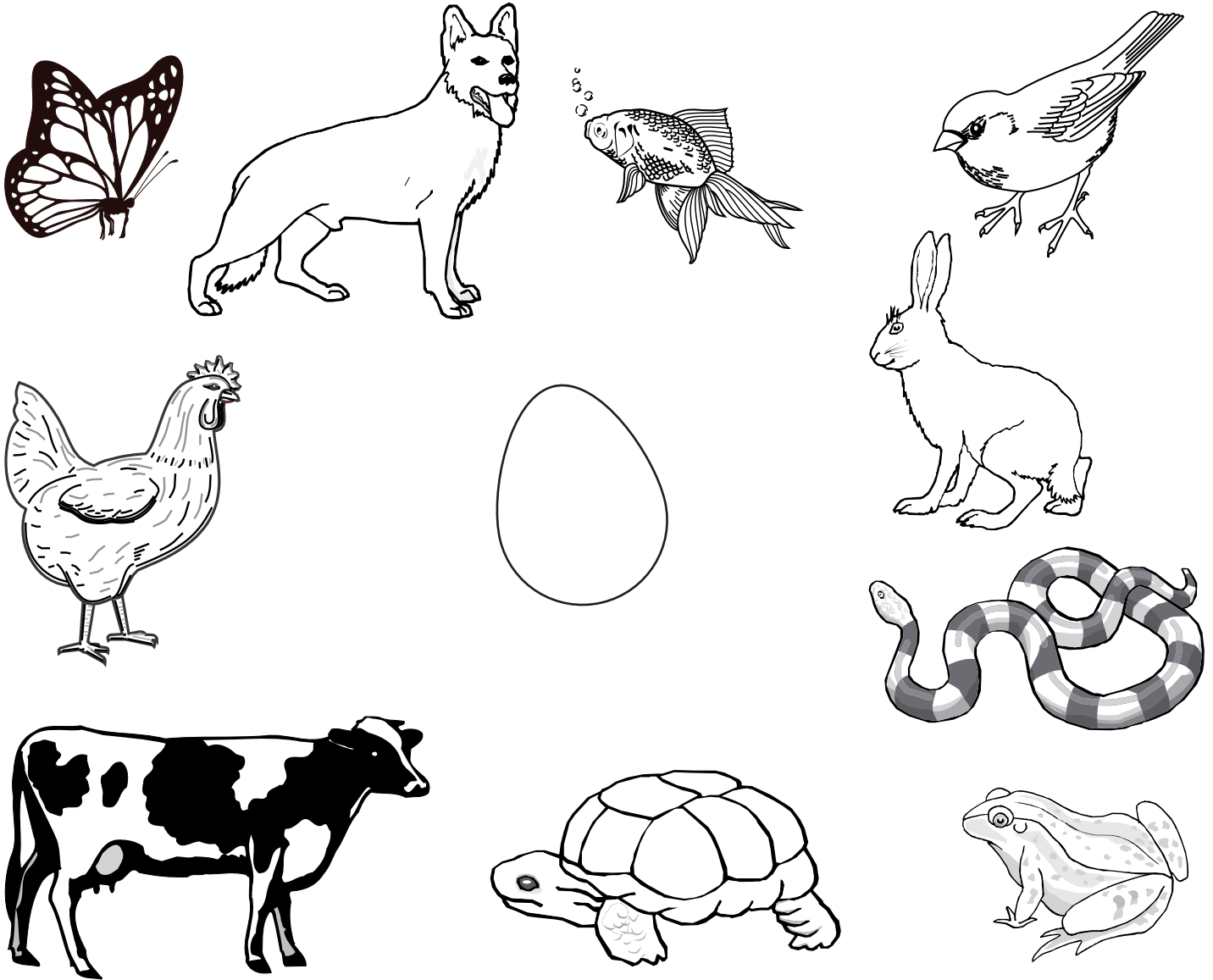


Help the cat find the squirrel



Which animals lay eggs?

Circle the animals that lay eggs.



Not all animals lay eggs. Insects, birds, snakes, turtles, frogs, butterflies, and most fish lay eggs. Mammals including people, whales, dogs, cows, cats, and mice give birth to live animals.

Answer: These animals lay eggs: bird, turtle, snake, frog, fish, butterfly, and chicken.
These animals do not lay eggs: dog, rabbit, and cow.

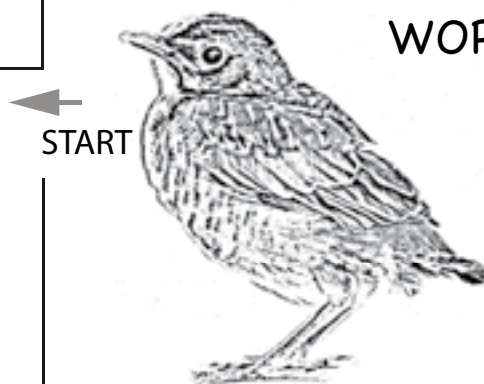
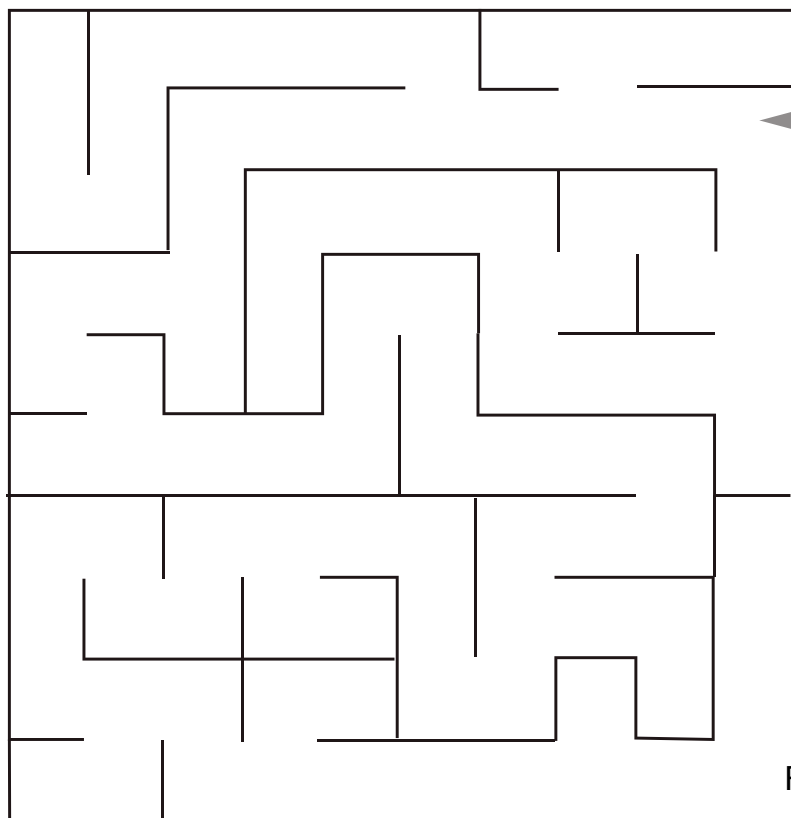
Robin word search

W O R M S S W C A T F
 B I R D F E E D E R L
 E R O D O E E G G E E
 R H B O O D D O B E D
 R A I G D S L U G S G
 I T N M O N S T E R L
 E C P E A N U T I N I
 S H O U S E N E S T N
 C H I C K B U G S S G

What do the leftover letters spell? _____

BERRIES
 BIRD FEEDER
 BUGS
 CAT
 CHICK
 DOG
 EGG
 FLEDGLING
 FOOD
 HATCH
 HOUSE
 MONSTER
 NEST
 PEANUT
 ROBIN
 SEEDS
 SLUGS
 TREES
 WEED
 WORMS

Help the fledging (baby bird) find his nest



FINISH



Discussion

Robins can be found everywhere on Earth, but each continent has its own robin. In the United States and Canada, American Robins fly south during winter, but European Robins puff up their feathers to insulate its body against cold winds. Most robins have a red breast, grey under wings and tail feathers, brown head, wings, and tail. They fly fast, but short flights.

1. Have you seen an American Robin hopping on the grass? _____
2. Have you ever seen a bird's nest? _____
3. What can you do to attract robins? _____
4. When a female robin lays eggs, does the male robin hang around? _____
5. How many eggs does a robin usually lay? _____
6. How many times a year can a robin lay eggs? _____
7. Unfortunately, robins have a short lifespan. Almost 75% of robins will die within one year. Can you list 3 causes of death: _____
8. What is the difference between a robin's nest and other bird's nest? _____

9. What is the difference between a squirrel's nest and a bird's nest? _____

Answers:

3. Dig in the garden or flowerbed and you will see robins perched in trees nearby hoping to get an earthworm. Or, turn on your water sprinkler or put fresh water in a birdbath so birds can clean their wings to make flying easier.
4. Yes, the male robin hangs around until the baby birds leave the nest. He will bring the female robin worms and caterpillars while she sits on the eggs. When the eggs hatch, the male and female robin bring lunch to the baby birds.
5. A robin usually lays 3 to 5 eggs each time.
6. A female robin can lay up to 3 batches of eggs per year.
7. Predators such as raccoons, cats, dogs, and squirrels can attack a nest of baby birds. Robins may die defending their territory from other robins or they can't fend for themselves.
8. A robin uses mud to mold the nest into a bowl and hold the dried weeds together. Other birds don't use mud; their nests have loose dried weeds.
9. A squirrel gathers leaves into a large pile.

Robin Sees a Monster Discussion

1. Have you ever seen a bird nest? _____
2. Do you think only birds have nests? _____

3. Name 3 things that robins need to live: _____

4. How many eggs do robins usually lay per nesting or when they build a nest? _____
5. How many times a year can robins lay eggs? _____
6. How many days will a robin lay on her eggs? _____
7. What are baby robins called? _____
8. When a baby robin has feathers and is ready to fly out of the nest, what is it called? _____
9. What do robins eat? _____

Answers:

2. Other animals have nests like swans, rabbits, and raccoons.
3. Robins like plenty of food, water, and mud.
4. Robins usually have 3 to 5 eggs each time they build a nest.
5. Robins can lay eggs up to 3 times a year.
6. A robin will lay on the eggs for about 14 days or 2 weeks.
7. Chicks.
8. Fledgling.
9. Grubs, worms, caterpillars, insects, berries, and some seeds that they find on trees or vines. Robins don't eat from a birdfeeder.

Bird Yokes ... I mean jokes

Q: What did the egg do when it heard a joke?

A: It cracked up!

Q: What is a bird's favourite activity?

A: Egg-speriments!

Q: How many eggs can you put in an empty nest?

A: Only one—after that, it's not empty any more!

Q: What kind of egg lives by the sea?

A: An egg shell!

Q: How did the eggs leave the nest?

A: They went through the "Eggs-it"

Q: How do eggs sell newspapers?

A: Eggstra, eggstra, read all about it!

Q: Why did the egg hide?

A: He was a little chicken!

Q: What is a bird's favourite thing to do?

A: Egg-tivities!

Q: Why did the bird cross the playground?

A: To get to the other slide!

Q: What do you call a sleeping egg?

A: Eggs-hausted!

Q: How does a bird stay fit?

A: Egg-xercise!

Spot 5 differences



From Egg to Robin

A robin's egg will hatch in about 14 days and then leave the nest in about 14 days.

May 12: Egg hatches



May 15: 3 days old



May 16: 4 days old



May 20: 8 days old



May 23: 11 days old



**May 26:
14 days old**



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