




















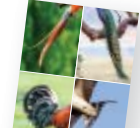


# Birds & Eggs


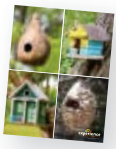
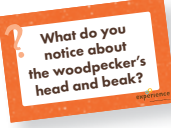







## WEEK 1 IN THE NEST

STEAM STATION	YOUR SUPPLIES	BIG QUESTION AND INSPIRATION PHOTOS	TEACHER TIPS
<b>LESSON 1</b> <b>Nest Building</b> <small>SCI 2a Natural &amp; Earth Science ATL 2b Flexibility &amp; Play</small>	Blocks Nature items Scrap paper	 	Set out blocks, nature items, scrap paper and other nest building materials. Invite the children to work cooperatively to add items to build a group “nest.”
<b>LESSON 2</b> <b>Egg Hunt</b> <small>ATL 1b Attention &amp; Persistence SCI 2a Natural &amp; Earth Science</small>	Plastic eggs Small items	 	Fill toy eggs with small items and hide them outside. Encourage the children to find the eggs.
<b>LESSON 3</b> <b>Egg Hatching</b> <small>SCI 2a Natural &amp; Earth Science</small>	Fabric Basket Toy eggs Small toy animals	 	Set out fabric, baskets and toy eggs filled with small toy animals. Invite the children to build nests and “lay” the eggs in them. Encourage them to make sure they are warm and cozy.
<b>LESSON 4</b> <b>Bird Food</b> <small>M 4 Measurement SCI 4 Technology</small>	Bin of bird seed Funnels Paper cups with holes in bottom Containers	 	Fill a bin with bird seed. Add funnels and paper cups with big and small holes in the bottom and containers. Encourage the children to explore pouring bird seed through different objects. Invite them to use the materials to explore the volume of different containers.
<b>LESSON 5</b> <b>Birds in Flight</b> <small>SCI 1a &amp; SCI 1b Investigation &amp; Inquiry</small>	Fan Bucket Objects of various weights	 	Set out a fan and a bucket of objects of various weights, such as paper, feathers and crayons. Encourage the children to explore placing the item close to the fan and observing if it flies, then describe and record their observations.

## WEEK 2 BIRD PARTS

<b>LESSON 6</b> <b>Digging for Food</b> <small>SCI 4 Technology SCI 2a Natural &amp; Earth Science PD 2 Fine Motor</small>	Nature items: pebbles, rocks, sticks Bin of sand or dirt Digging tools: Tongs, tweezers, spoons	 	Bury nature items, like pebbles, rocks or sticks, in a bin of sand or dirt. Set out tongs, tweezers and spoons. Invite the children to use the tools like beaks and pretend to dig for food.
<b>LESSON 7</b> <b>Building Bird Bodies</b> <small>M 2a Spatial Awareness SED 4a Problem-Solving</small>	Bird part photos Tape Scissors Blocks	 	Print photos of bird parts, then tape them to blocks. Encourage the children to arrange, stack or build with the bird blocks.
<b>LESSON 8</b> <b>Kite Flying</b> <small>SCI 2a Natural &amp; Earth Science SCI 3a Physical Science</small>	Paper Crayons Tape	 	Set out paper, crayons and tape. Invite the children to build a flying object. Go outside and test what happens when the children drop or toss their creations in the air.
<b>LESSON 9</b> <b>Bird Tracks</b> <small>PD 2 Fine Motor ATL 1a Attention &amp; Persistence</small>	Sticks Pencils Small items Playdough	 	Set out sticks, pencils and other items to press into playdough. Invite the children to explore making prints in the dough using the various materials. Make bird tracks or other animal tracks.
<b>LESSON 10</b> <b>Tails</b> <small>CA 4b Drama SED 4a Problem-Solving</small>	Fabric pieces Yarn Ties	 	Set out a variety of materials for the children to explore tying around their waists, like fabric pieces, yarn or ties. Encourage them to pretend they are animals with tails.

## WEEK 3 TREE BIRDS

STEAM STATION	YOUR SUPPLIES	BIG QUESTION AND INSPIRATION PHOTOS	TEACHER TIPS
<b>LESSON 11</b> <b>Bluebird House</b> <small>CA 3b Visual Arts SCI 2a Natural &amp; Earth Science</small>	Boxes, milk cartons or other small containers Markers Glue Collage materials: sequins, pompoms, etc.	 	Set out tissue boxes, shoe boxes, milk cartons or other small boxes. Add materials for the children to decorate their birdhouses, like markers, glue, sequins and pompoms.
<b>LESSON 12</b> <b>Pecking Marks</b> <small>M 5 Patterns SCI 2a Natural &amp; Earth Science PD 2 Fine Motor</small>	Playdough Twigs Craft sticks Pencils	 	Set out playdough, twigs, craft sticks and pencils. Invite the children to explore pecking different designs or patterns into the playdough.
<b>LESSON 13</b> <b>High Nests</b> <small>SCI 2a Natural &amp; Earth Science PD 2 Fine Motor</small>	Different-sized plates and bowls Toy eggs Shredded paper Nature items Blocks	 	Set out different-sized plates and bowls in the block area. Add nest materials, like toy eggs, shredded paper and nature items. Invite the children to build tall structures with blocks, then try to balance the "nests" on top.
<b>LESSON 14</b> <b>Colorful Flowers</b> <small>SCI 1a Investigation &amp; Inquiry SCI 2a Natural &amp; Earth Science PD 2 Fine Motor</small>	Pipecleaners Playdough Buttons Beads Small items with holes	 	Stick pipecleaners in playdough. Set out colorful buttons, beads or any small items with holes. Encourage the children to make a colorful flower for a hummingbird.
<b>LESSON 15</b> <b>Bird Feeders</b> <small>SCI 2a Natural &amp; Earth Science SCI 4 Technology</small>	Cardboard tube Hole punch String Vegetable shortening Bird seed	 	Invite the children to create a birdfeeder by punching two holes opposite each other on one end of a cardboard tube. Tie a piece of string to both holes in a loop. Use vegetable shortening to stick bird seed to the outside of the tube.

## WEEK 4 EXOTIC BIRDS

<b>LESSON 16</b> <b>Sink or Float Eggs</b> <small>SCI 1a &amp; SCI 1b Investigation &amp; Inquiry</small>	Toy eggs Small items of various weights Bin of water	 	Place items of varying weights in the toy eggs. Set out a bin of water for the children to discover which eggs sink and which ones float. Encourage them to observe and record what happens to each egg.
<b>LESSON 17</b> <b>Frozen Penguin Eggs</b> <small>SCI 2a Natural &amp; Earth Science</small>	Balloons Water Bird figurines (or other small items) Scissors Tray or bin	 	Fill balloons with water and a bird figurine (or other small item), then freeze. Cut the balloons and place the frozen "penguin eggs" on a tray or inside a bin. Encourage the children to explore the baby penguin eggs.
<b>LESSON 18</b> <b>Blue Crane Nest</b> <small>SCI 2a Natural &amp; Earth Science</small>	Gathered nature items	 	Invite the children to gather items from outside to create a blue crane nest. Explain that the blue crane's nest is a very simple platform structure made with grasses, reeds and small stones. Blue cranes usually lay two eggs at a time.
<b>LESSON 19</b> <b>Build a Tail</b> <small>SCI 2a Natural &amp; Earth Science PD 2 Fine Motor</small>	Blocks Crayons Large pieces of paper	 	Set out blocks, crayons and large pieces of paper. Invite the children to arrange the blocks into a beautiful peacock tail design on the paper. Trace around the blocks with various colors. Remove the blocks and color in or draw designs in each outline.
<b>LESSON 20</b> <b>Birdwatcher</b> <small>SCI 4 Technology CA 4a Drama</small>	Conversation Posters or bird photos Toy cameras Binoculars Paper Crayons Tape	 	Tape the Conservation Posters or photos of birds to the wall. Set out play cameras, binoculars, paper and crayons. Invite the children to pretend to be birdwatchers and find photos of birds. Encourage them to sketch the birds they "spot."





**How can you  
make a safe nest?**



**Where is  
the safest place  
to hide an egg?**




**How does an  
eggshell protect  
the baby inside?**



**How many  
different kinds of  
seeds do you see?**



**Which objects  
fly highest?**




**What kinds  
of food do birds  
find in the forest?  
In the city?**



**Which type  
of bird is  
your favorite?**



**What parts  
of a kite remind  
you of a bird?**




**Where might  
you see  
bird tracks?**



**Why do you  
think some animals  
have tails?**



**How can  
a birdhouse  
protect birds?**



**What do you  
notice about  
the woodpecker's  
head and beak?**



**Why do you  
think birds nest  
in trees?**



**Why do  
hummingbirds like  
colorful flowers?**



**What tools  
can you use  
to make a feeder?**



**What is inside  
a toy egg that  
makes it float?**



**How do penguins  
keep their  
babies warm?**



**What other birds  
look like  
a blue crane?**



**How many  
colors are in  
a peacock feather?**



**Who in your  
family would  
be a good  
birdwatcher?**

# TYPES OF BIRD NESTS



Platform



Cup



Burrow

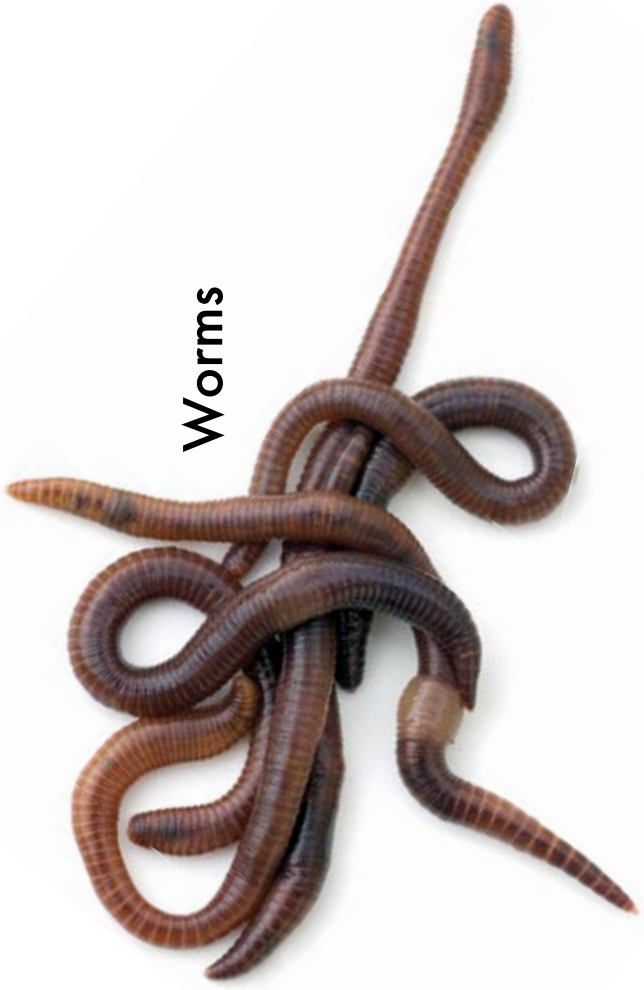


Cavity





# Bird Foods



Worms



Insects



Seeds



Fruit





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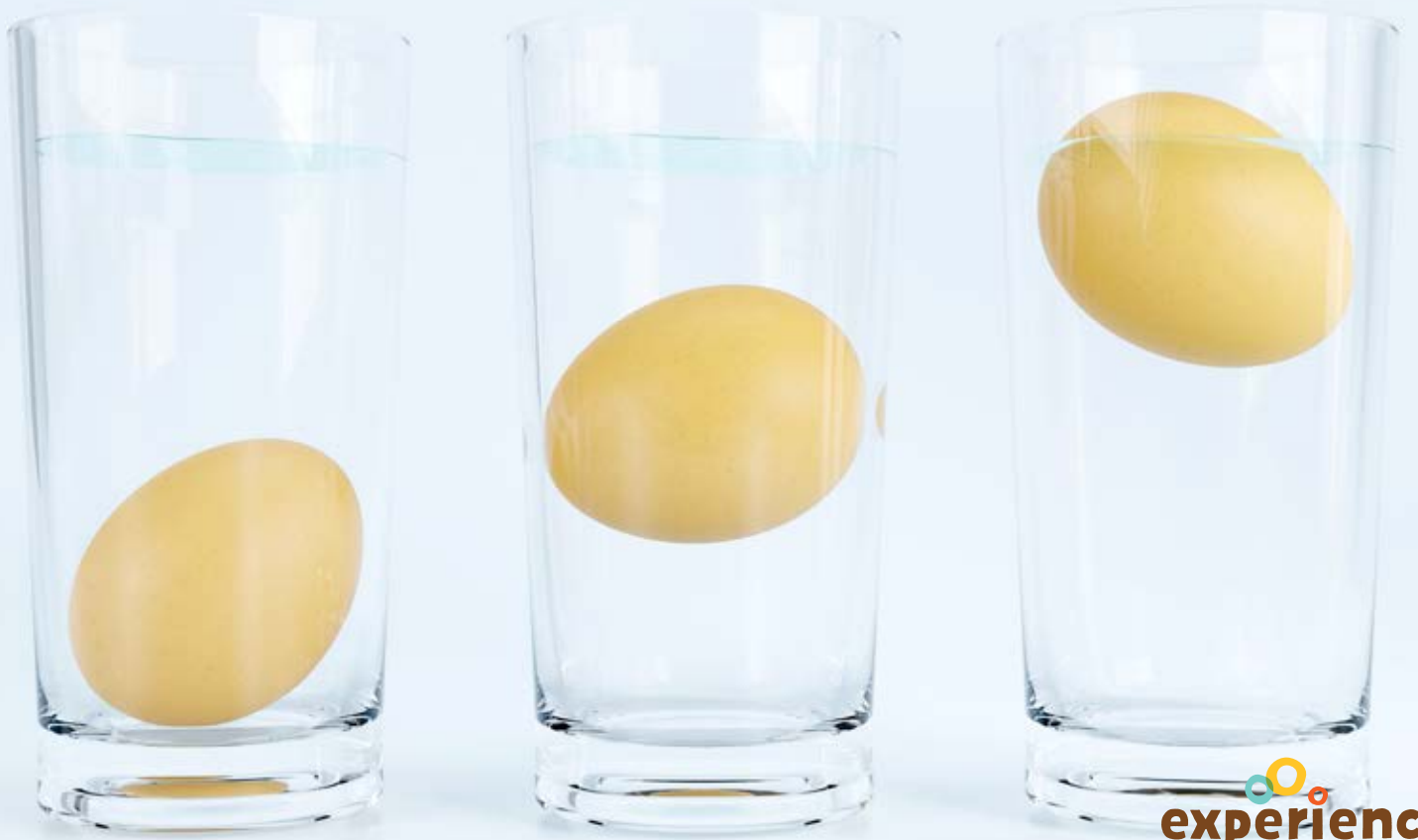
  
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