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# WELCOME



## The Magazine for Budding Pest Controllers

Welcome to issue 8 of PCN Junior, a magazine brought to you by the creators of Pest Control News.

This issue of PCN Junior is all about Blackbird and Blue Tit eggs. Dive into the season with exciting activities and delicious baking recipes. Get your hands on this new edition of PCN and enjoy!

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

Can you help Bambi the Bunny find the missing items from the Easter egg hunt?



# EGG ID

Play detective and see if you're lucky enough to find a nest with bird eggs.

KEY WORD:

**Brood**

"A family of birds or other young animals produced at one hatching or birth".

## Blackbird (*Turdus merula*)

A bird often spotted in both your garden and within woodland here in the UK. The blackbird can have two or even three sets of chicks a year and breeds from early spring until mid-summer.

### Description:

Blue-green eggs with brown speckles.

### Egg size:

2.9 x 2.1 cm

### How many chicks can they have?

3-5 (per brood)



# Blue tit

The blue, yellow and white blue tit is one of the most recognisable garden birds. Eggs are usually laid in April or May into a nest built of mainly moss, grass and feathers.

## Description:

Light-cream with light brown speckles.

**Egg size:** 1.6 x 1.2 cm

**How many chicks can they have?**  
8-10 (per brood)



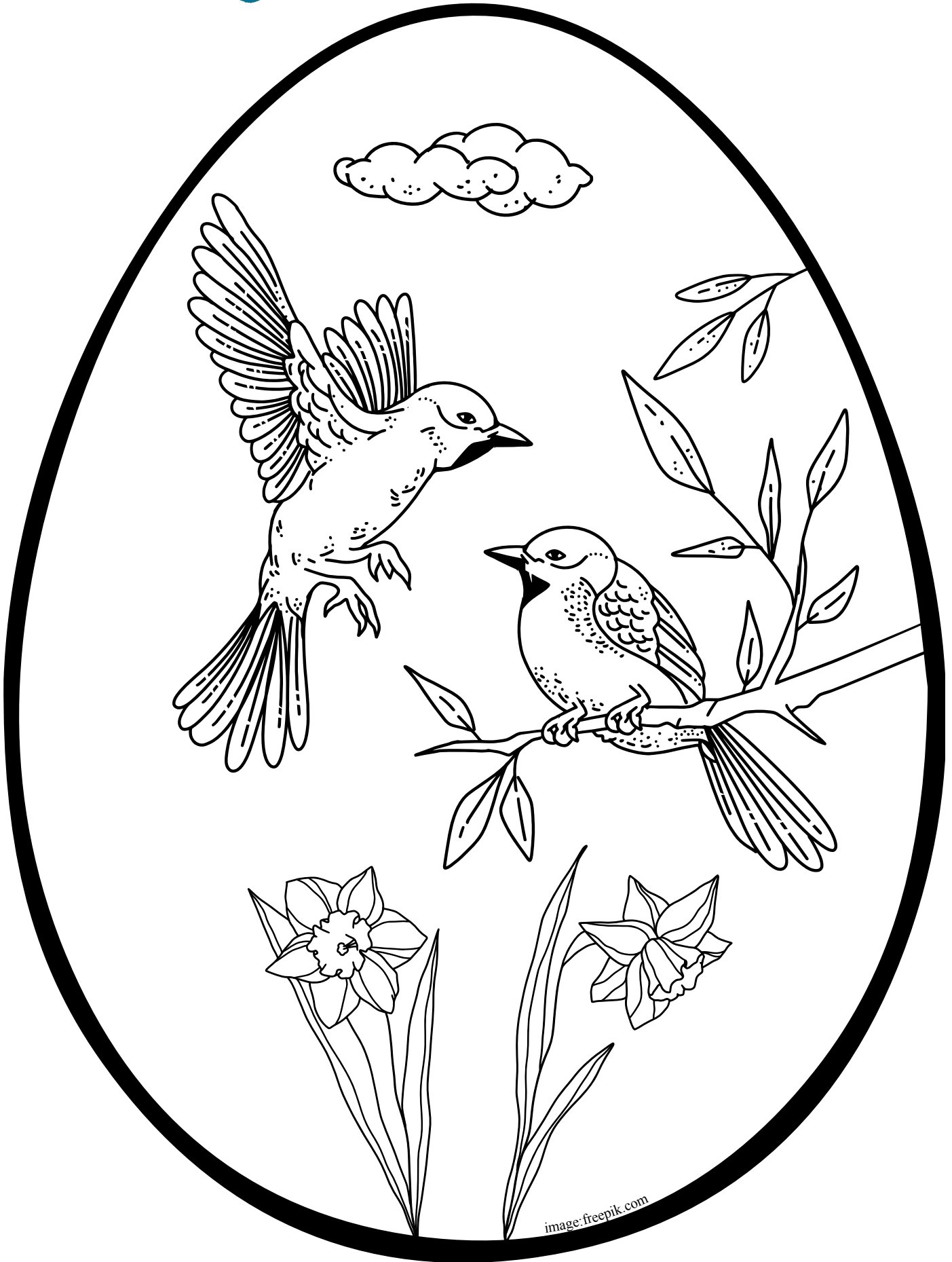
WILDLIFE WATCH

## REMEMBER!

Look, but don't touch the eggs! you might harm them!



# Colour me in!



# WORD SEARCH

Use the list below to find the hidden words.  
Words can be forwards, backwards, up and down

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

Bird

Bunny

Chicks

Daffodil

Easter Egg

Egg

Flowers

Grass

Happy Easter

Lambs

Mouse

Spring

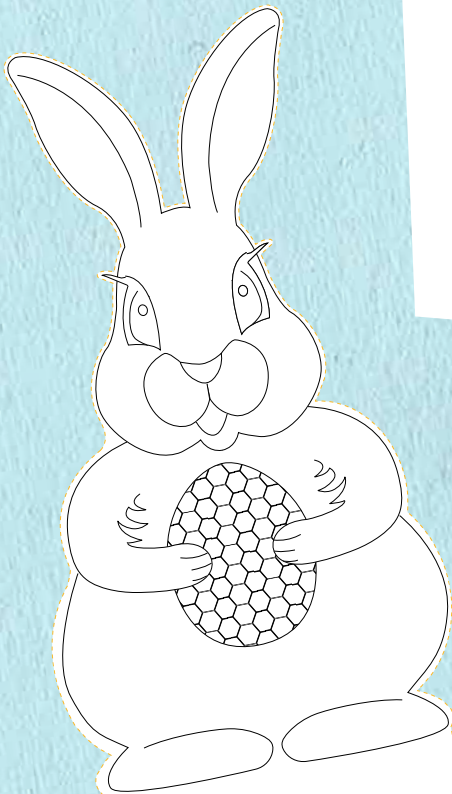


When you've found them  
tick them off!

# Let's Get Crafty!

## Bunny bookmark

Colour me in  
and cut  
me out!



Make sure  
you have an adults  
supervision when  
using scissors!





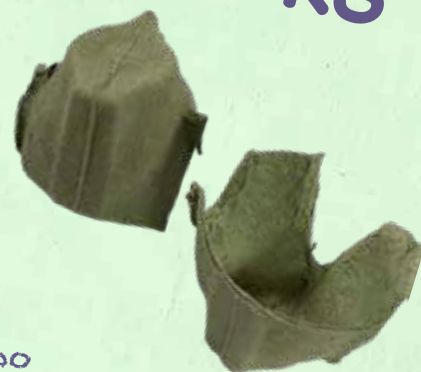
## What you will need:

1. An egg carton
2. Acrylic paint
3. Paint brush
4. Glue
5. Scissors
6. Black marker pen
7. Feathers
8. Orange card

# Spring Chicks

## How to make

1. Cut apart two egg holders from the carton and trim off the excess on the edges.



2. Glue the two pieces together.

3. Paint and allow to dry.



4. Add a beak made from orange card and some eyes created with the black marker pen.



Beak template

5. Get an adult to help you pierce a hole in the top of the egg carton. Once you have a hole as wide as a pencil led, push in a feather.

Your Easter chick is now complete! These are super easy for anyone to make!

# Sticky Toffee Pudding

## What You Will Need:

- 🍌 255g Dried pitted dates
- 🍌 450ml water
- 🍌 1 Teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda
- 🍌 85g Unsalted butter
- 🍌 3 Eggs
- 🍌 255g Self-raising flour
- 🍌 1 Teaspoon of vanilla essence

## For the Sauce:

- 🍌 300ml Double cream
- 🍌 50g Demerara sugar
- 🍌 2 Teaspoons of black treacle

## Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/350 °F/gas mark 4.
2. Line a baking tin with greaseproof paper ideally a 20xm x 20xm square tin.
3. Have an adult help you cut up your dates. The fastest way is to take a pair of clean scissors and snip them into small chunks or get your adult helper to chop them up with a knife.



*The best Sticky Toffee Pudding ever! Super sticky and the perfect Easter treat! So ask a grown up helper and get cracking on baking up some Easter fun you can both share!*

4. Once chopped place into a heat proof bowl and cover with the 450ml of hot but not boiling water. Let the dates sit in the water until cool.
5. Once the water is back to room temperature, add the bicarbonate of soda, mix together and allow to sit for 5 minutes.
6. In a separate bowl cream together the butter and sugar.
7. Add all three eggs and beat well.
8. Add the date mixture, the vanilla extract and the flour into the sugar and butter mixture. Sift the flour bit by bit folding it into the mixture.
9. Once mixed together pour into the lined tin.
10. Bake at 180°C/350 °F/gas mark 4 for 30-40 minutes or until the cake tester comes out clean.

## *To make the Sauce:*

1. Place all of the ingredients into a pan and place over a low heat.
2. Stir until blended and bring to the boil.

### *Top tip*

Cut your grease proof paper big enough to line the tin then scrunch in a ball and run under water this will make the paper pliable enough to drape over the tray to line.



Send us a picture of your masterpiece to: [editor@pestcontrolnews.com](mailto:editor@pestcontrolnews.com).

# COMPETITION TIME!

To win this Misty the Mouse toy, draw your best  
Easter Bunny in the box below and send it to  
[editor@pestcontrolnews.com](mailto:editor@pestcontrolnews.com)



A large, empty rectangular box with a blue border, intended for drawing an Easter Bunny.

