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# WELCOME



**The Magazine  
for Budding  
Pest Controllers**

Welcome to issue 11 of PCN Junior, a magazine presented by the creators of Pest Control News.

This issue of PCN discovered the hare can run up to 45 mph to escape predators!



# Introducing the Brown Hare:

- o **Length:** 50-70cm
- o **Weight:** 2-5kg
- o **Average lifespan:** 2-4 years
- o **Appearance:** Golden brown with a pale belly, white tail, and long black-tipped ears.
- o They have longer legs than a common rabbit.
- o **Speed:** They can run up to 45 mph to escape predators!
- o **Habitat:** Found from January to December, commonly seen in open farmland, grasslands, and woodland edges. They favor arable fields, grasses, and hedgerows.
- o **Diet:** Graze on vegetation and the bark of young trees and bushes.
- o **Shelter:** Don't dig burrows, instead rest in "forms" - shallow depressions in the ground or grass.
- o **Movement:** When disturbed, they bound across fields using powerful hind legs, often in a zigzag pattern.
- o **Breeding:** Most visible in early spring during the breeding season. Females produce 3-4 litters of leverets (baby hares) per year.
- o **Boxing Behavior:** If you see boxing in the field, it's usually a female warding off a male. If two males fight, they stand on hind legs, using their front paws to pull fur from each other.

Help the *Hare* find its way through the woods! Choose the right path to find the Easter Eggs!





# Spot the Difference: *Bunnies* in the Woods!

Can you find the **5 differences** between these two pictures of *Easter Bunnies*?



**Here's a fun Spring-themed word search! It's packed with words related to the season of new beginnings. Feel free to print it out and enjoy!**

Words can be found in any direction (including diagonals) and can overlap each other. Use the word bank below.

W	K	E	A	D	P	O	L	L	E	N	O	M	M	I
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Spring Word Search words to find. **Can you find them all?**

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|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 1. Blossom  | 5. Buds   | 9. April   | 13. Warmth |
| 2. Flowers  | 6. Green  | 10. Garden | 14. Picnic |
| 3. Sunshine | 7. Birds  | 11. Seeds  | 15. Breeze |
| 4. Rain     | 8. Pollen | 12. Easter |            |



Grab your crayons or  
markers and bring the  
*Easter Bunny* to life!  
Don't forget to color  
the woods around it!





# The Hare Who Found Friends

Once upon a time, in a wide, sunlit meadow, there lived a curious young hare named Holly. Holly had soft, golden-brown fur and long, floppy ears that twitched whenever she heard a sound. She loved to hop around the meadow, feeling the breeze on her face and the warm sun on her back.

But sometimes, Holly felt a little lonely. She'd watch the birds flit from tree to tree and see the squirrels scamper up and down the trunks, and she wished she could join in the fun.

One bright morning, Holly decided to go on an adventure. She bounded out of her cozy little form (that's what she called her grassy bed) and hopped through the tall grasses, her big feet thumping on the ground.

As she hopped along, Holly spotted a butterfly fluttering by. She stopped to watch it dance in the air, its wings shimmering in the sunlight. "Hello, little butterfly!" Holly called out. "Where are you going?" The butterfly twirled in the air and smiled. "I'm going to visit the flowers," it said. "Would you like to come with me?"


Holly's eyes sparkled. "Oh, yes! I love flowers!" she exclaimed. So, together, Holly and the butterfly flew from one bright bloom to another, laughing and enjoying the colorful garden of daisies, buttercups, and wildflowers.

But soon, the butterfly had to fly away, so Holly continued on her journey. She skipped past the bubbling brook where she saw a beaver chewing on some branches. Holly waved a paw. "Hello, Mr. Beaver! What are you doing?"

Mr. Beaver grinned and showed her his big, strong teeth. "I'm building my dam!" he said proudly. "Would you like to help?"

Holly was excited. "I'd love to!" she said, and together they worked, placing twigs and leaves along the stream. It wasn't easy, but Holly had fun, and Mr. Beaver taught her how to make the dam just right.





After a while, Holly hopped off to explore more. She wandered to the edge of the forest, where she met a wise old owl perched on a tree branch. “Good day, Mr. Owl,” Holly said, looking up at him with big, bright eyes.

The owl hooted softly and tilted his head. “Hello, young hare. What brings you to the forest?”

“I’m looking for friends,” Holly said shyly. “Do you have any friends I could meet?”

The owl blinked slowly. “I know just the ones,” he said with a wink. “Follow me!”

The owl led Holly deeper into the woods, where she found a group of friendly rabbits, hopping and playing together. They were so happy to see Holly, and they invited her to join their game of tag. Holly laughed and hopped with them, feeling her heart swell with joy.

As the day drew to a close, Holly looked around at all the new friends she had made. She had played with the butterfly, helped Mr. Beaver, and met the wise old owl and the kind rabbits.

That night, as Holly nestled into her cozy form under the twinkling stars, she felt content and happy. She had found what she was looking for—friends to share her adventures with. And from that day on, Holly never felt lonely again.

# Make delicious chocolate cornflake cakes this Easter!

*Here's a fun and delicious recipe for Chocolate Cornflake Buns with Mini Eggs—perfect for a treat to share or for any occasion:*

## *What You Will Need:*

- o 200g milk chocolate (or dark chocolate if preferred)
- o 100g butter
- o 2 tbsp golden syrup (or honey as an alternative)
- o 120g cornflakes
- o 100g mini eggs (plus extra for decorating)
- o Optional: A pinch of salt or vanilla extract for flavor



## *Now here's how to make them:*

**Prepare Your Tray:** Line a muffin tray or bun tin with cupcake liners. This will make it easier to remove the buns once they've set.

**Melt the Chocolate Mixture:** In a saucepan, melt the butter, chocolate, and golden syrup over low heat. Stir occasionally until smooth. If you want a little extra flavor, add a pinch of salt or a drop of vanilla extract to the mix.

**Mix the Cornflakes:** Once the chocolate mixture is completely melted and smooth, remove from heat and let it cool slightly.

Gently fold the cornflakes into the melted chocolate mixture. Stir carefully so that the cornflakes are evenly coated without breaking them up too much.

**Add the Mini Eggs:** Crush a few mini eggs into smaller pieces (or leave them whole if you prefer more crunch).

Add the crushed mini eggs to the cornflake mixture and mix gently to combine. If you prefer whole mini eggs, you can add them on top later for decoration.

**Scoop into Cases:** Spoon the cornflake mixture into the cupcake liners, filling them to the top.

**Decorate:** Place a mini egg or two on top of each bun for decoration.

**Chill and Set:** Refrigerate the buns for at least 1-2 hours, or until the chocolate has fully set and they're firm to the touch.

**Serve:** Once set, they're ready to enjoy! Store them in the fridge for up to 1 week or in an airtight container.

**Tips:** You can customize this recipe by adding other treats like marshmallows or dried fruits to the cornflake mixture.

For a twist, use white chocolate instead of milk chocolate for a different flavor profile.

**Enjoy your yummy chocolate cornflake buns with a crunchy twist and colorful mini eggs!**

**Mini Eggs can be a CHOKING HAZARD, not suitable for children under 4!**





*Now time to  
enjoy!*



**Draw your best version of an  
Easter Bunny.**

The best drawing will win a JellyCat  
Bashful Carrot Bunny Little.

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