

Seabird in the Forest

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Who would guess that a tiny seabird with webbed feet, the marbled murrelet, nests more than 300 feet up in the trees of old-growth forests along the west coast? Male and female adults take turns sitting on their egg until the chick hatches, when it spends a month receiving fish from them, with neighbors like flying squirrels and salamanders to keep it company. Finally, the bird leaps out of the nest and into the unknown, where air currents eventually deliver it to a nearby body of water—where it immediately dives in and swims! Follow this fascinating cycle that's thousands of years old. Ages five to nine.

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