

# A Nest Is Noisy

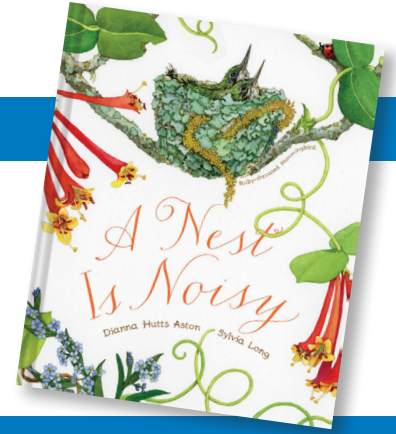
## A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

**Themes:** Ecology, Environment, Animals

**Book Brief:** What causes all the noise in nests? It's not always birds! This book offers a look into the first habitats of many animals and the qualities that make these habitats unique to each species.

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## TIME TO READ!



**Before reading, build background:** What do you think of when you hear the word nest? Why would a nest be noisy? Can you think of a time when you have seen a nest? What did it look like? What type of animal lived there?

**While reading, make**

**connections:** As you read about each animal and the type of nest it builds, think about what you already know about that animal. How does this new

information add to or change what you already know?

**After reading, ask questions:**

- ◆ How long do you think it takes a typical bird to build a nest?
- ◆ What are some nest building methods used to protect eggs or baby animals?
- ◆ Does a nest have to be made of sticks and twigs? Explain.
- ◆ Would you eat a soup made from a bird's nest? Why or why not?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### INCREDIBLE EDIBLE NEST

Ingredients: pretzel sticks, peanut butter (or another thick spread), raisins or grapes

Create a snack that's for the birds! Build a nest out of pretzel sticks. Use peanut butter or another thick spread like cream cheese to "glue" the pretzels together. Once your nest is built, decide how many "eggs" you want to add (raisins or grapes). Eat up!

### NEIGHBORHOOD NESTS

Have you ever seen a nest in person? Take a walk around your neighborhood or in a nearby park and see if you can spot any nests. What kinds of animals do you think live there? What signs help you spot where a nest is located (noise, activity, etc.)? Keep

track of how many different nests you see and the differences between each one. Then, go to <http://cams.allaboutbirds.org/> and explore the different live webcams to get a closer look at some birds' nests. How do these nests compare to the ones you saw on your nature walk?

### THE NESTING GAME

All kinds of animals build nests, so why shouldn't you? Find a cozy, quiet place in your home. With a parent or guardian's permission, fill this spot with blankets, pillows, and other items to make it comfortable. Decorate the space to make it your own. Grab a good book and a snack, and settle down in your own personal reading nest to enjoy!

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*An Egg Is Quiet* (2013)  
*A Butterfly Is Patient* (2013)  
*A Seed Is Sleepy* (2013)



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