

# Cuckoo Migration Project

## Activity ideas



For all explorers	For slightly older explorers	For older explorers
<p>1. Cuckoos lay eggs that copy the eggs of other birds. This is called 'egg mimicry'.</p> <p>See if you can find some pictures of real bird eggs and then have a go at copying them, either by drawing or painting.</p>	<p>1. A cuckoo chick is much larger than the bird that rears it.</p> <p>See if you can find some pictures of a cuckoo chick in its nest.</p> <p>Can you remember from the video why the host bird carries on feeding the alien chick?</p>	<p>1. Cuckoos and their hosts are locked into what is known as an 'evolutionary arms race'.</p> <p>See if you can find out what this means.</p> <p>Can you find any other examples of evolutionary arms races in nature?</p>

2. Some scientists think that the cuckoo looks like a sparrow hawk to scare little birds away from their nests. See if you can find a picture of a sparrow hawk and a cuckoo- do you think they look similar?

## Extra Activity

To track a migratory Cuckoo

visit : <https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/>

cuckoo-tracking-project

and download the activity

sheet named

My Cuckoo



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