

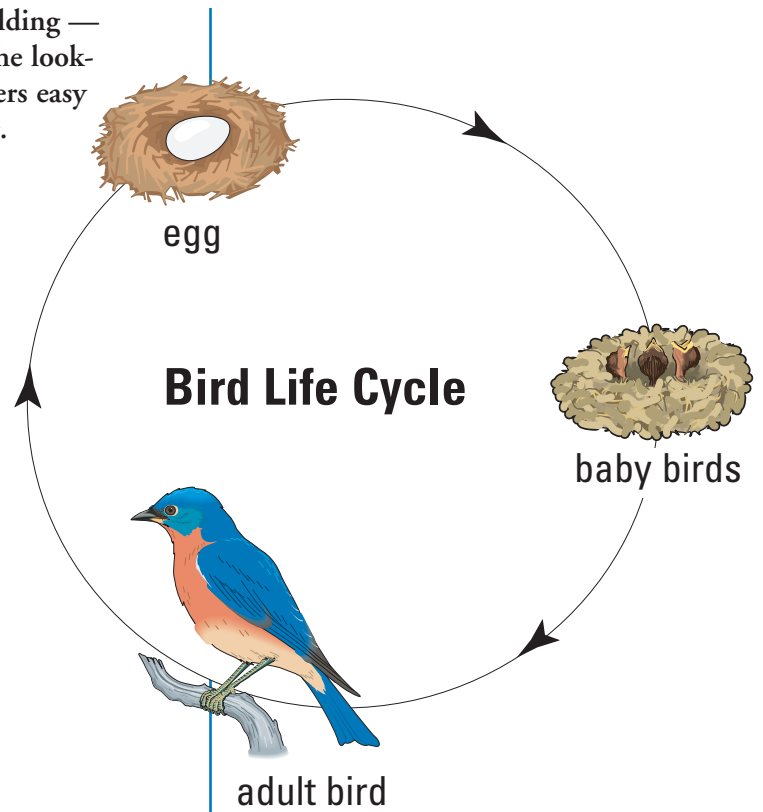
Welcome Chaperone! Explore the Museum's main building — the Nature Exploration Center (NEC) — and be on the look-out for the animals of North Carolina. This guide offers easy activities to help you engage your students in learning.

**Third floor, across from bathrooms**

**Bird Nests**

**Find the bird nest display.**

- Which bird has the smallest eggs?  
*(Ruby-throated hummingbird.)*
- Which bird has the largest eggs?  
*(Killdeer.)*
- Which bird has the fewest eggs?  
*(Ruby-throated hummingbird.)*
- What kinds of materials did these birds use in their nests?  
*(Answers will vary according to children's observations.)*
- Which bird built the smallest nest?  
*(Ruby-throated hummingbird.)*
- Which bird built the largest nest?  
*(American robin.)*



**Fourth floor, to the left of the Living Conservatory entrance**

**Butterfly Metamorphosis**

**Find the Changing Room display.**

- How many different kinds of chrysalids do you see?
- What made the chrysalids?  
*(Butterfly caterpillars. Moth caterpillars spin cocoons.)*
- Do you see any butterflies emerging from their chrysalids?
- If the Living Conservatory is open go inside and watch the live butterflies.

