

Birds Egg Evolution

The creation is literally filled with millions of what those who believe in evolution call "happy coincidences." But when you encounter millions of instances of what appears to be thoughtful design, the obvious conclusion is that there is a Designer. For example, consider the design of bird eggs.

The shape of the egg makes it strong. This strength comes in handy in a busy nest. Mom and dad are coming and going, and they turn the eggs periodically during incubation. But all eggs are not equally egg-shaped, and there is a pattern to their shapes. Birds like robins that build a nice, dish-shaped nest tend to lay eggs that are more round in shape. Screech owls lay their eggs at the bottom of a hole in a tree and also have round-shaped eggs. Birds like the killdeer barely build any kind of nest and lay eggs on the ground where round eggs could roll away. For this reason, birds such as a Killdeer lay much more sharply pointed eggs, which are designed to pivot on their small end. Likewise, eggs that are laid where predators are not likely to see them are usually pale or solid in color, but eggs laid out in the open are camouflaged. Moreover, baby birds that hatch in protected nests, like the bluebird, tend to be naked, blind and helpless. But the unprotected killdeer hatchlings are ready to leave the nest within minutes of hatching.

All coincidences? It seems more scientific to say that here we have a few of the many fingerprints of our wise Creator!

Job 39:14-15

"Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust, And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them."

Prayer: I praise You, Father, for how Your glory is reflected in the creation. Amen.

Ref: Jim Williams, "Bird basics: egg size, color and shape," Star Tribune.