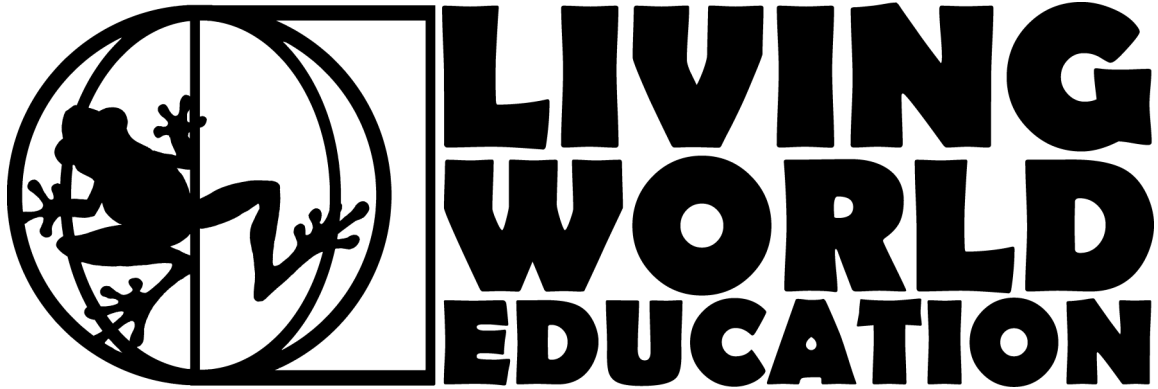


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BLACKBIRD



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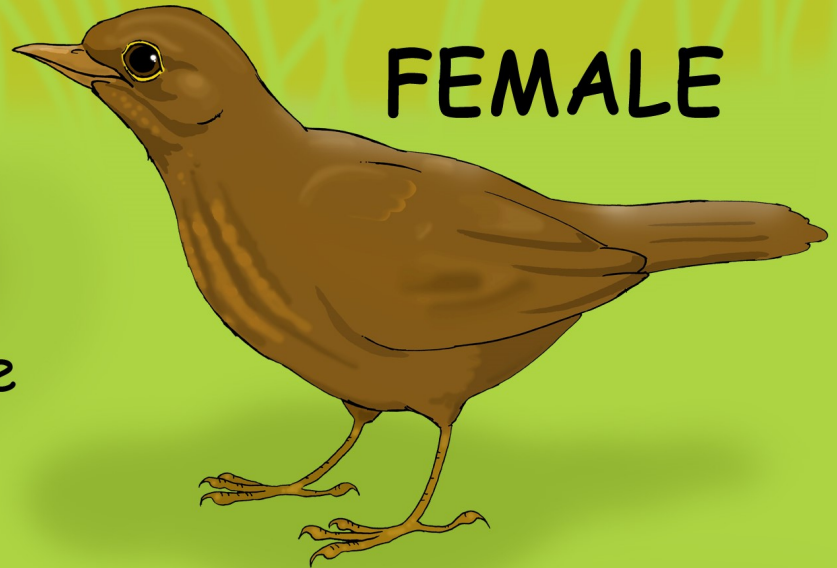
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Only **male** blackbirds are actually **black**.
He dances about and shows
he is **fit** and **strong**.



MALE



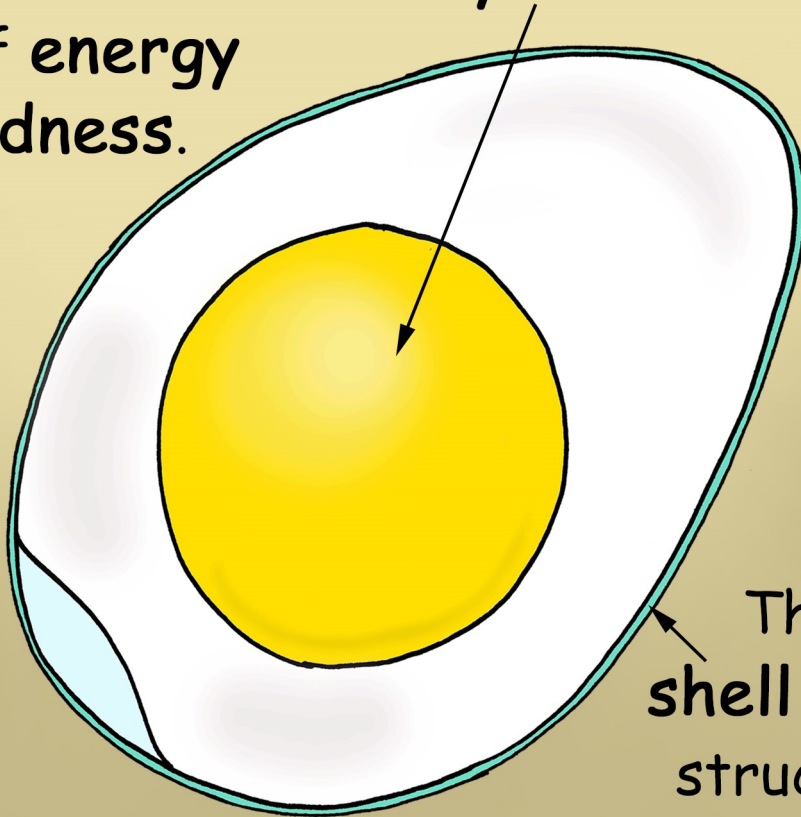
FEMALE

The **female** birds are
brown in colour.

The nest is made from
straw, grass and **twigs**
and hidden away in
bushes or **ivy**.

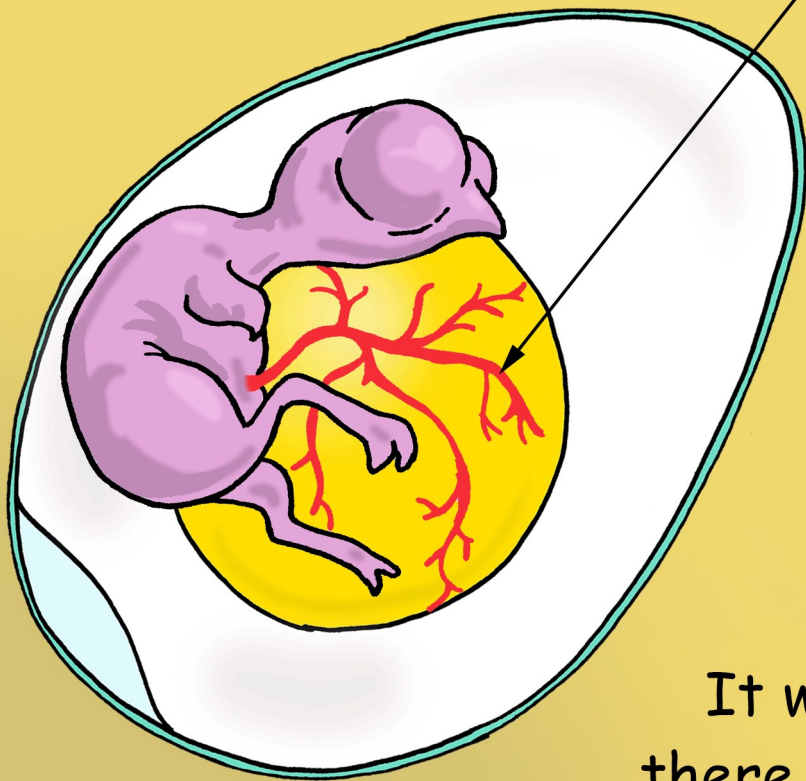


Within the egg is everything needed to build a new chick. The **yolk** is full of **energy** and **goodness**.



The hard outer **shell** protects the structures inside.

Blood vessels carry goodness
to the chick as it
develops.



Soon the chick will
run out of food.
It will also **grow** so big,
there will be no room left!

The newly **hatched** chicks have yet to grow feathers, or even open their eyes.

They constantly demand food from their parents.



This bump is an egg-tooth. It helps crack the egg shell.

Now covered in speckled feathers
the young **fledgling** birds
are ready to leave the nest!

