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Finding a Nest

0 As Patrick walked along the path to his neighbor's house, he tripped 12
12 over a tree root covered by some spiky leaves. He bent down to see if 27
27 the leaves had scratched him. It was then that he saw the nest. It was 42
42 tucked into the leaves with two tiny eggs inside. He remembered from 54
54 his school trip to the nature center that he shouldn't touch it. He looked 68
68 around for the mother bird. Not seeing her, he quietly backed away and 81
81 continued down the path. 85
85 Each day, Patrick walked down the path and carefully checked the 96
96 nest. Patrick made sure not to disturb anything that was near it. He knew 110
110 that the brush protected the nest from predators. By the end of the week, 124
124 there were a total of five eggs in the nest. Just one week later, there were 140
140 nine eggs. He wondered what kind of bird would hatch out of them. The 154
154 eggs were smaller than chicken eggs and they were cream-colored with 166
166 brown speckles. One day, Patrick got his answer. As he crept over to look 180
180 at the nest, he saw a mother quail sitting on the eggs. 192
192 Patrick continued to check on the nest every day. He was determined 204
204 to keep it safe. After about three weeks, the eggs finally hatched. Patrick 217
217 was thrilled to see all the little quails scurrying around their mother. 229
229 After that, every time he passed the spot where the nest had been, he 243
243 remembered the little baby birds and smiled. 250