

Find and Defend a Territory

You successfully defend a large territory within a protected national park.

Take two steps forward.



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The forest you nested in last year has become very fragmented and nest predators are everywhere.

Take two steps back.



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You land at a school where students have created a schoolyard habitat, complete with a bird feeder and several nest boxes.

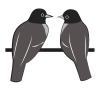
Take one step forward.



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You begin migrating early so you can find the best territory. Though the weather seemed good when you left, an early spring snowstorm hits, and you freeze. Sorry, the game is over for you.

Go back to your seat.



Find a Mate

After some elaborate courtship displays, you finally have a mate.

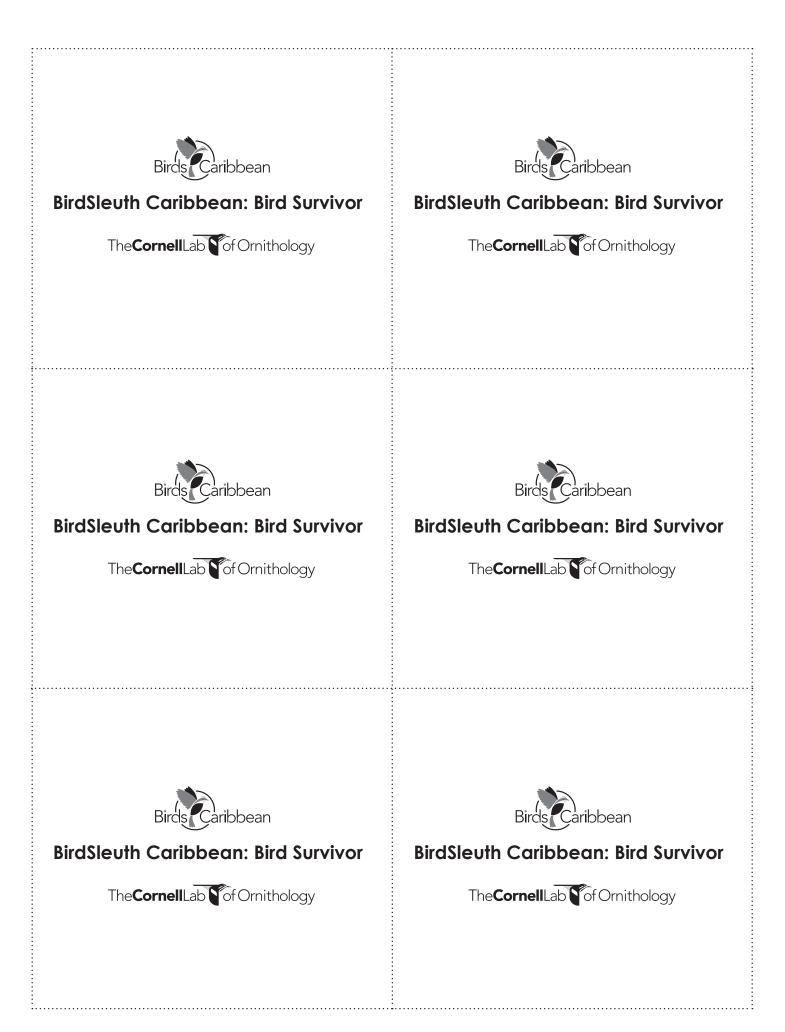
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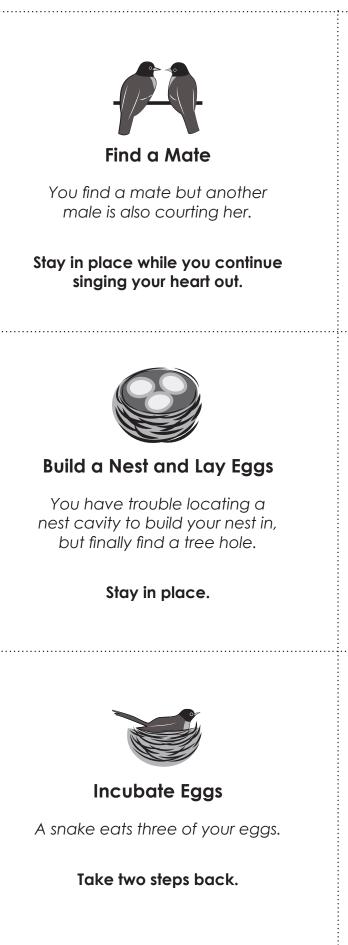


Find a Mate

You find a mate, but while feeding at a nearby bird feeder, your mate is killed by a Peregrine Falcon.

Take two steps back.







Build a Nest and Lay Eggs

You and your mate quickly build a nest and immediately begin laying your eggs.

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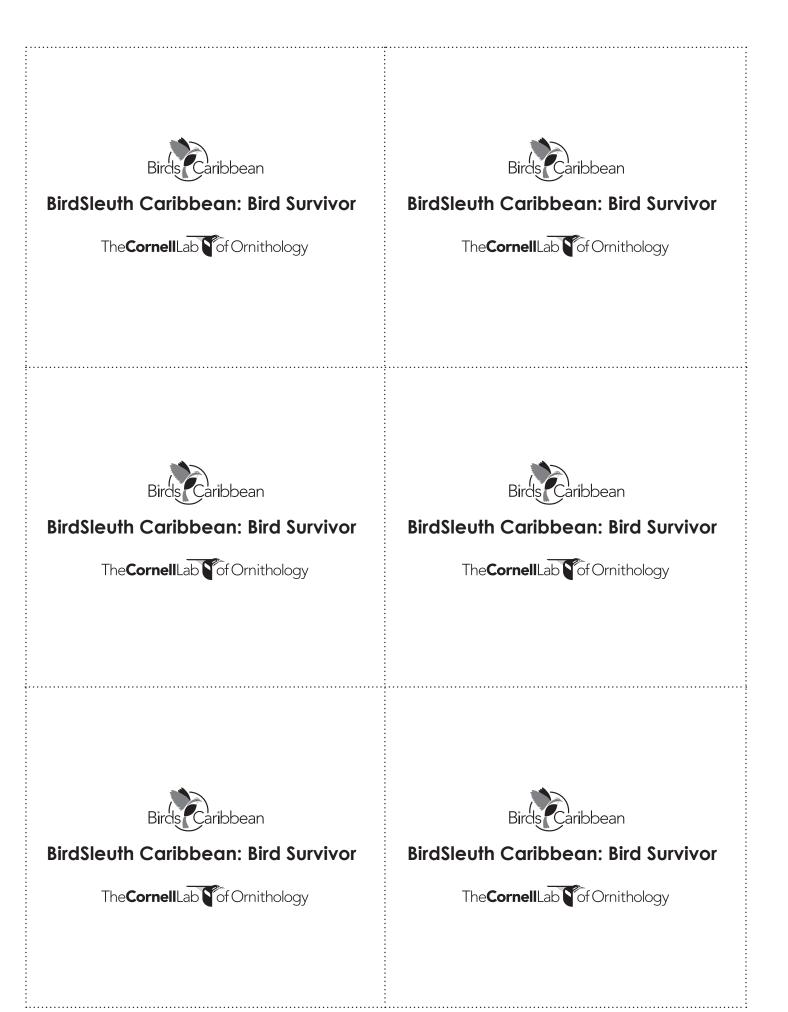
A Shiny Cowbird has laid an egg in your nest.

Take one step back.

Incubate Eggs

The weather forecast during your two-week incubation is mild and food is plentiful.

Take one step forward.





Incubate Eggs

Your mate dies during incubation, forcing you to leave your eggs unattended while you find your own food.

Take one step back.



Feed and Raise Nestlings

None of your eggs hatch and you'll have to try again next year.

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Feed and Raise Nestlings

All of your eggs hatch and you begin feeding your nestlings all day long!

Take two steps forward.



Feed and Raise Nestlings

Your eggs hatch but the weather is unusually dry and it is hard to find enough food.

Take one step back.



Fledge From the Nest

Food is plentiful, and you are able to keep your young safe in their nest until fledging day! Congratulations, all of your babies fledge from the nest!

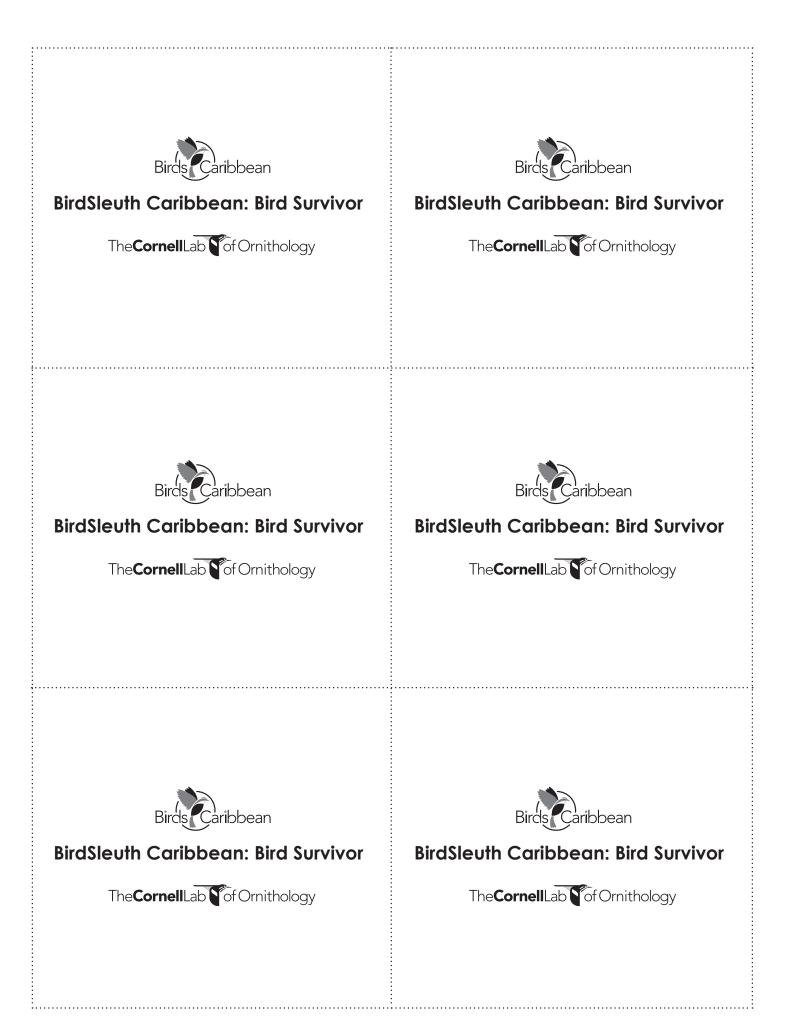


Fledge From the Nest

Your babies are weak when they leave the nest because they have mites.

Stay in place and hope they survive.

Take two steps forward.





Find a Mate

You're in luck; your mate from last year has survived the winter and you quickly form a pair bond!

Take two steps forward.



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You exert a lot of energy defending a potential nest site against another strong male that wants the same territory.

Take one step back.



Build a Nest and Lay Eggs

Pesticides have been sprayed near your nest and eggs, and you get sick.

Take two steps back.



Incubate Eggs

Your mate guards you and feeds you throughout the incubation period.

Take two steps forward.



Feed and Raise Nestlings

Only three of your eggs hatch, but food is plentiful.

Take one step forward.



Fledge From the Nest

Days after your eggs hatch, the tree with your nest is illegally chopped down and all your babies die.

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