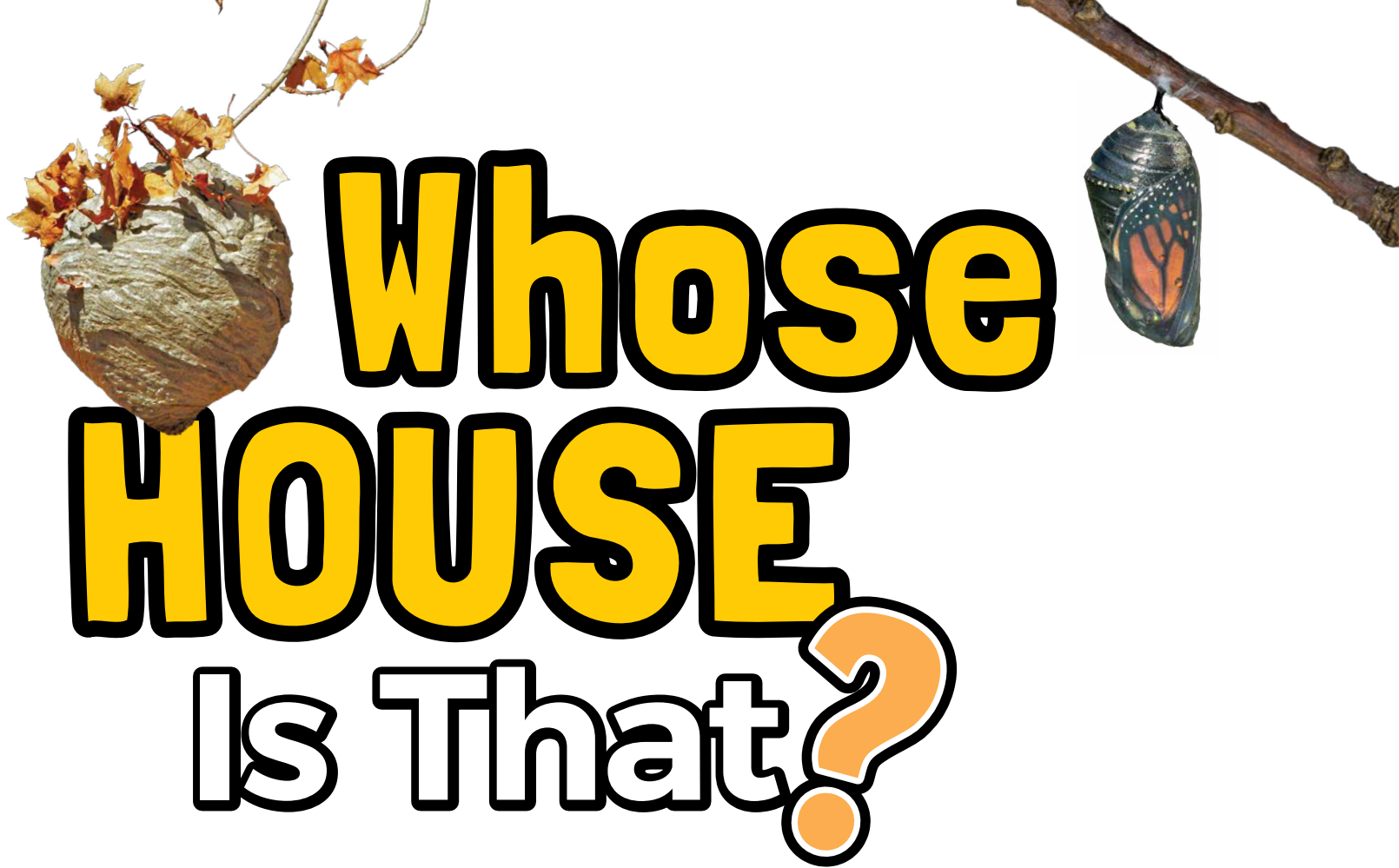




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# Dedication

To Abby, with all my love.

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Whose  
HOUSE  
Is That?



This home is perched  
up in a tree, but it's almost  
as large as your bedroom!

It's made of sticks  
and branches. Our national  
symbol lives there.

**Whose house is that?**











*It's a*

# Bald Eagle!

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The **Bald Eagle** is the national symbol of the United States. The eagle uses its nest over and over for many years, adding new sticks to it each year. Some nests get so large that they can be ten feet tall and weigh a thousand pounds. That is about the same weight as a horse. An eagle nest is called an aerie (say it, *air-ee*).





Small and round, this home  
is constructed of mud and grass.

It is the perfect size  
for one mommy and her  
eggs. You might even have  
one in your own yard.

**Whose house is that?**











*It's an*

# American Robin!

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The **American Robin** is a common bird found almost everywhere in North America, from your backyard to the tops of the highest mountains. Both parents build a nest for the eggs. This house takes just three to four days to complete. Mothers lay three to five bright blue eggs in the nest, and soon there are baby robins!





Larger than a football, this home hangs in a tree, or may even be under your deck or attached to your house. This home holds hundreds, maybe thousands, of individuals inside.

**Whose house is that?**

# It's **your turn!**

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Now it's time for you to find the animal houses near you. Go on a scavenger hunt in a green space, a park or your backyard, and see how many animal houses you can find. Once you start looking, you'll likely find all sorts of them. How many can you find?

**Safety Note:** Don't get too close to an animal house or put your hands in or near one, as you don't want to surprise any inhabitants! Always have an adult help you look, keep your distance, and wear gloves.

## HERE ARE SOME TYPES OF ANIMAL HOUSES TO LOOK FOR

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird houses or nests                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect tunnels underneath tree bark |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Squirrel drays (leaf nests in trees) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gopher tunnels                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anthills                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Molehills                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiderwebs                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Hollow logs                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beehives (from a distance)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Cavities in a tree                  |



# Discover Nature's Amazing Animal Architects!

Beaver lodges, bird nests, spiderwebs—the animal kingdom is filled with expert builders that construct spectacular homes. Can you identify a critter based on where it lives? Find out in this engaging picture book by award-winning author, naturalist and wildlife photographer Stan Tekiela. Study a photo of an animal's house and examine a clue about the creature that built it. Next, guess “Whose house is that?” Then turn the page to discover the answer. You'll become more familiar with animals and the natural world with every reading.

For more fun, get *Whose Butt?*, *Whose Baby Butt?* and *Whose Track Is That?* These titles by Stan Tekiela follow a similar format and will have kids laughing out loud as they're introduced to a variety of North American animals.

