

Nature notes for September

Sept 6

The North American Belted Kingfisher nests in a horizontal tunnel made in a river bank or sand bank. The tunnel often slopes uphill, perhaps to allow the chicks to survive in case of a flood.

Sept 13

In one season one female rabbit can produce as many as 800 children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Sept 20

Adult American toads shed their skin around four times a year. The skin peels off in one piece and is eaten by the toad.

Sept 27

Earwigs are one of the few non-social insects to show maternal care to their eggs. They pay attention to the warmth and protection of the eggs. They also clean the eggs to prevent fungus from growing on them.