

# Spring



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Ewes need to eat lots of plants to make milk for their lambs. Spring is a time when there are lots of plants for ewes to eat.

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Spring is a busy time on a farm. Many animals on a farm have their babies in the spring. Sheep are one of these animals.

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A mother sheep is called an ewe. Her baby is called a lamb. Ewes have their lambs in the spring.



# Ducks



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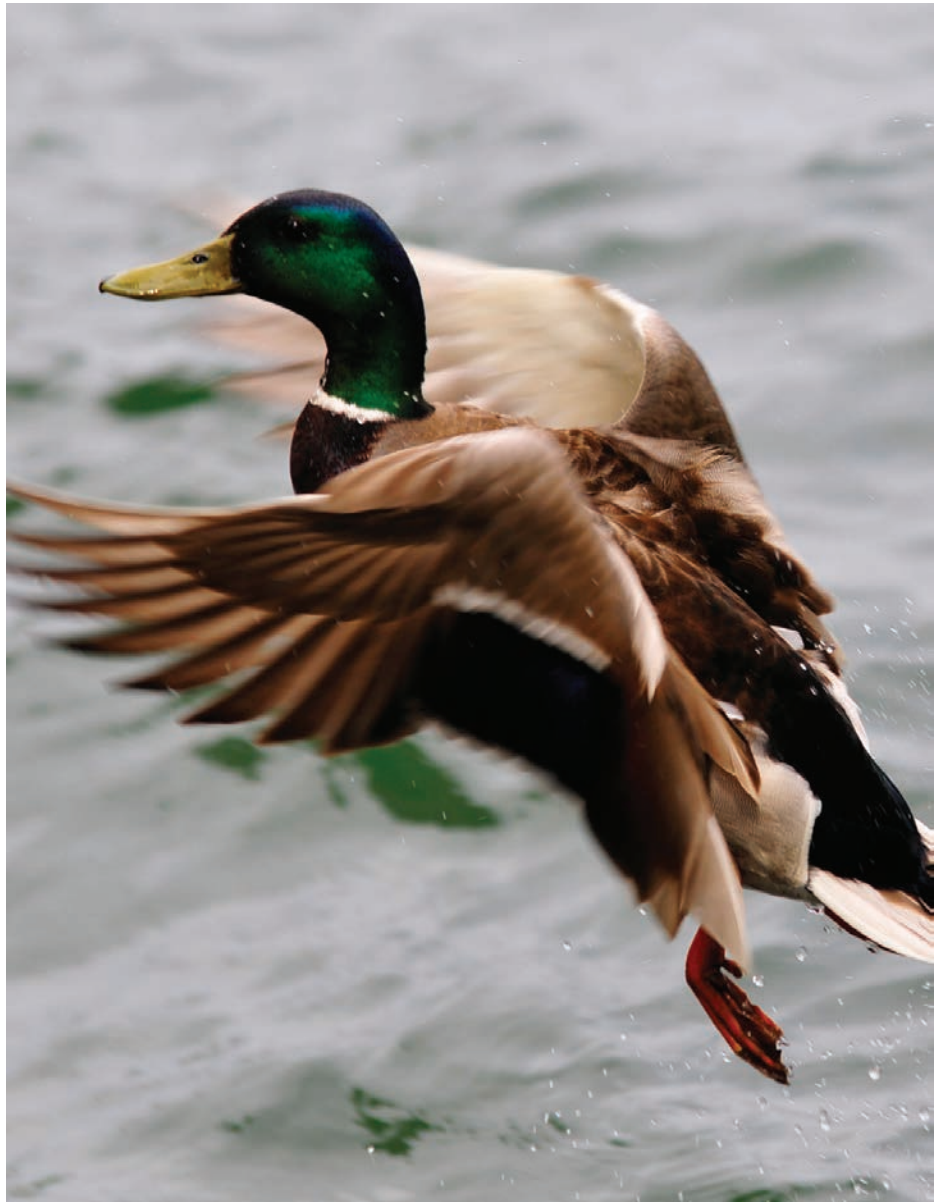
Mother ducks sit on the eggs. After 28 days, the eggs hatch. Soon, the mother ducks lead their ducklings to homes by a lake or pond.

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Ducks fly to warm places for the winter. In the spring, the ducks fly back.

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The ducks find places to build nests. The mother ducks lay eggs in the nest. One duck can lay as many as 12 eggs.



# Frogs



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Once the eggs hatch, the tadpoles will live in the water. When tadpoles turn into frogs, they will live on land. But they will stay close to water.

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In the spring, frogs lay their eggs in water. The eggs need to stay wet. That is why frogs lay their eggs in water.

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For some frogs, the water can be a small puddle in a garden. For other frogs, the water is a pond or a lake.



# A Desert in Color



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The water helps desert plants make flowers.  
Flowers add colors to the desert in the spring.

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There is very little color in a desert for most of the year. Spring is the time of year when the desert is full of color.

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Desert plants get water in the spring.  
Sometimes, the water is from rain.  
Sometimes, water comes from streams made from melting snow in mountains.



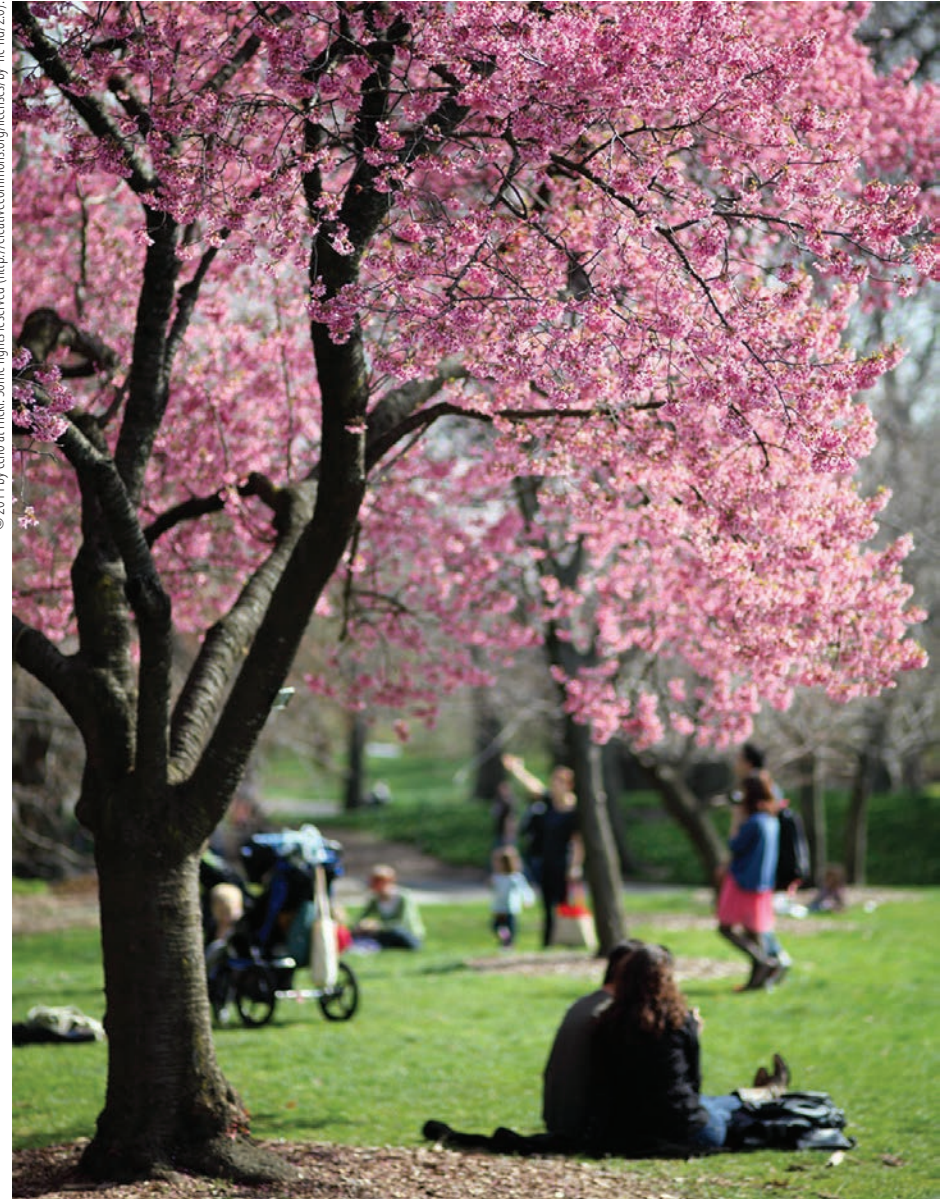


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We are happy when we see the tree filled with red, pink, and white flowers. Soon there will be cherries to pick and eat!

# Cherry Tree

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Last summer, we picked cherries from our tree. We loved eating the cherries. But all winter long, the cherry tree has had no leaves and no cherries.

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Now it is spring. There are tiny buds on the cherry trees. Soon, many of these tiny buds will open up into tiny flowers.



# Snowdrop



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The snowdrop flowers come out when winter is almost over. Snowdrop flowers are signs that spring is on the way.

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The backyard is covered with snow. But look closely under thin patches of snow. You might see green leaves poking through the snow.



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The green leaves are those of a snowdrop plant. Snowdrop plants have long leaves that can poke through the snow. The small white flowers look like little drops of snow.

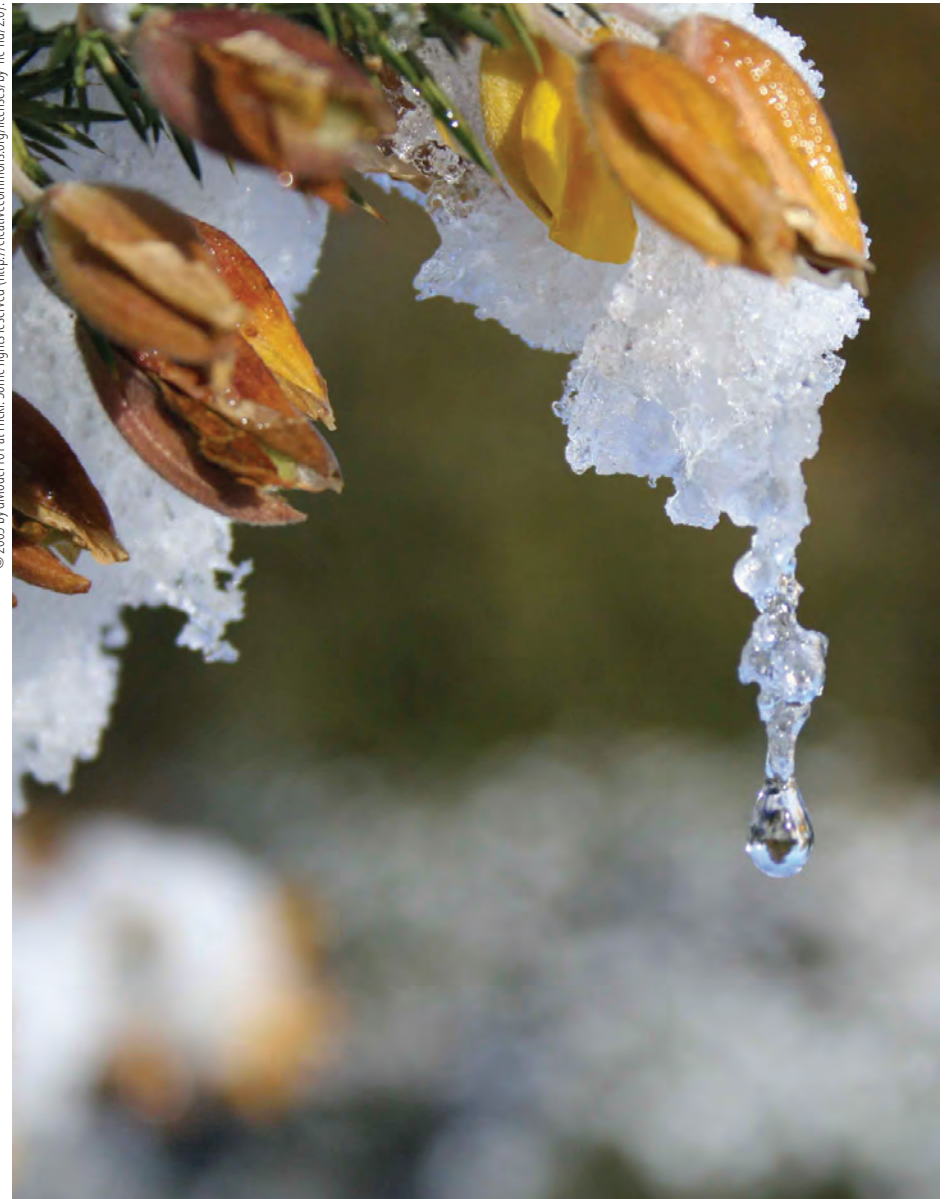


# Melting Snow



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The water in the rivers flows to lakes or to the sea. Some of the water is saved for plants and people. The snow that fell all winter long becomes water for people to use.



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In the winter, the mountains are covered with snow and ice. In the spring, the snow and ice begin to melt.



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The water from the melting snow makes streams as it runs down the mountain. The streams make rivers.





Spring is almost here. It is not so dark when I get ready for school. That means that I have more time to play with my friends after school.

# Daytime

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There is little daytime during the winter. It is dark when I get ready for school. I need to turn on the lights to find my bag.

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After school, my friend and I ride our bikes. After an hour, it is too dark and we go inside.



# Melting Ice



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In the spring, the ice on top of the lake melts.  
When all of the ice melts, people can see the  
fish that lived under the ice in the winter.

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Winter is so cold in some places that the lakes freeze. But only the top part of the lake freezes.

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Under the ice, fish still swim in the water. The fish eat plants or bugs that are also under the ice.