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## Habitats - Puffin Homes

The Atlantic Puffin builds its nest in burrows or caves in rocky cliffs. It prefers locations that are uninhabited by people.

The most common type of nest is a vertical hole in a flat cliff top. This is often easier for the birds to create as the adult puffin has sure footing while he starts excavating. The disadvantage in building this nest is that it can be easily accessed by predators including the Great Black Back Gull.

nest  
hole



cliff face  
burrow

The second type of puffin burrow is the horizontal hole in a cliff. This is difficult to build but has the advantage in that it is almost impossible for gulls to enter. Eggs laid in these holes have a much better chance of survival.