Read the passage carefully. Then fill in each blank with a suitable word from the list below to complete the passage. Use each word ONCE only.

eggs	her	in	the	wants
found	them	to	from	after
too	will	because	not	and
this	known	do	other	nest

The Cuckoo Birds' Eggs

When a mother bird (1)_____ to lay eggs, she builds a nest. Then she lays the eggs in the nest and sits on (2)_____ till they hatch. However, not all birds do (3)_____. Some cuckoo birds, for example, never build nests at all. They lay their eggs in (4)_____ birds' nests instead.

The common cuckoo bird (5)_____ in Europe and Asia is well (6)_____ for this habit. The Drongo-cuckoo of India (7)_____ the Channel-bill cuckoo of Australia behave in this way (8)_____.

The common cuckoo usually chooses the nests of birds like the Reed-warber to lay her (9)_____ in. She does (10)_____ go to only one nest but several of them to lay the eggs. This is (11)_____ the bird lays only one egg (12)_____ each nest. She will then remove one of the existing eggs (13)_____ from the nest and replace it with one of her own. After that, she flies away, never (14)_____ return again.

(15)_____ you know what happens when (16)_____ owner of the nest returns? Usually, the bird is not aware of the change because the number of eggs in the (17)_____ is the same. She (18)_____ hatch the egg with her other eggs. When the eggs hatched, she will look (19)_____ the baby cuckoo bird as though it were one of (20)_____ own.

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