



Eggstraordinary Stowaway

This bird's nest was found in the tail-rotor gearbox area of an SH-60B when a mech removed the cowling to perform a 28-day corrosion inspection. The extraordinary part...these eggs were unbroken, even after having been inside the operational aircraft for a month at sea.

Weeks earlier, the maintenance crew had been directed to check for nests in that area. Time was running short, though, as the mechs scrambled to pack three weeks of work into two. They removed one panel and, when they didn't find anything, assumed that there was nothing under the other panels.

Fortunately, this oversight didn't lead to a mishap. Had the nest been in a different area, the outcome might have been much different.