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The brood-parasitic chick of the Common Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*) benefits from being raised alone by its foster parents, but pays several physiological costs to evict the host's eggs and nestlings (Hargitai et al., pp. 782–791). Photograph of a Common Cuckoo nestling in a nest of the Great Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus arundinaceus*), central Hungary, by Michael G. Anderson, m.g.anderson@massey.ac.nz.

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