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During mating the female lays eggs onto a special brood patch on the underside of the male's tail where they are fertilised, the male gets pregnant and then give birth to live young. (See pages 1409–1415; image courtesy of Jeffrey Jeffords.)