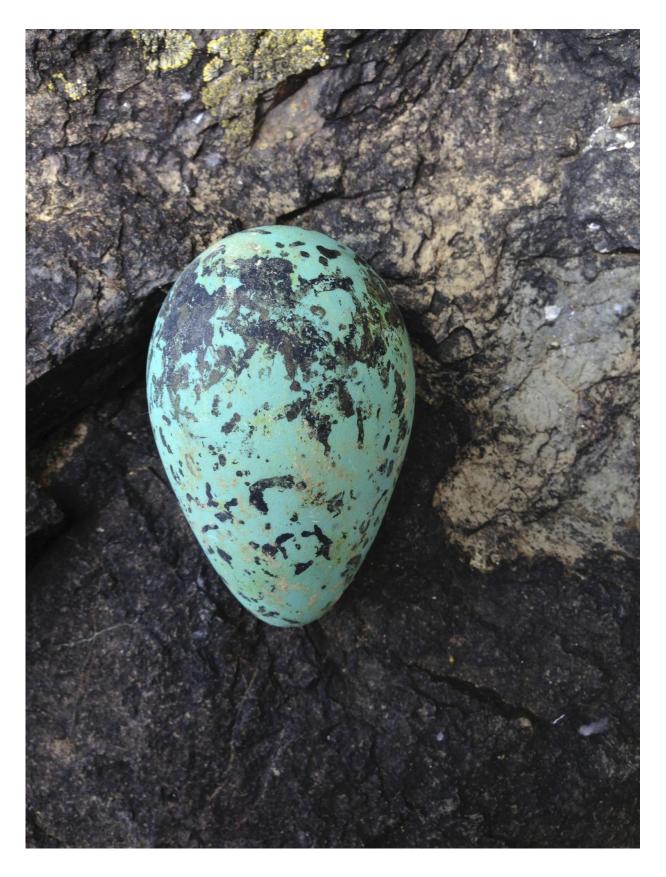


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A guillemot egg showing the typically pointed shape. Credit: TR Birkhead

The shape of birds' eggs varies considerably, for reasons that are unclear.

"I have studied guillemots for over forty years and have never been convinced by the rolling explanation. It has been exciting coming up with <u>new ideas</u> and testing them," said Dr. Tim Birkhead, lead author of the Ibis study.

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