

## *Lepus - The Hare*

The Hare was set into the sky by the Messenger God, Hermes, to honor the hare's swiftness. In the winter sky the hare is seen right by the feet of the Great Hunter Orion. The rabbit is quite and prone, but ready to flee.

The legend of the Easter Bunny may also be connected with this constellation. According to the story, there was at one time a bird, which was changed into the hare by the Goddess of Spring. The creature lost its power to fly, but the hare was given great speed.

Once a year the hare is allowed to lay eggs again, which is why in the springtime, we hunt for the eggs of the Easter Bunny.

