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Stories of the Pflugzeit Hare are common across the Empire. Everyone has heard the stories of the springtime spirit who rewards good children on the first full moon after the Spring Equinox (9th Pflugzeit). When children leave out brightly coloured and decorated hats or baskets on the night of the full moon, the Pflugzeit Hare, fills the hats and baskets with eggs of those children who have been good.

Few have seen the Pflugzeit Hare, but those that have seen it have described it as a monstrously large hare, who walks on its hind legs standing about 7ft tall, with mottled grey fur and yellow eyes. Some say it also glows with a magical light, although no-one has been brave enough to hang about long enough to confirm any of these details.

M	WS	BS	S	T	I	Ag	Dex	Int	WP	Fel	W
5	35	-	15	40	35	45	-	35	25	-	11

Traits: Bite (2), Bounce, Clever, Dark Vision, Fast, Fear (2), Magical, Size (Enormous), Tough, Ward (9+)

Optional: Arboreal, Stride, Hardy, Magic Resistance (2)

Inspiration, research and references:

After a chocolate fuelled evening one Easter Sunday I decided to compile a very quick creature to capture the Easter Bunny, The Pflugzeit Hare. The following year I revisited this work, editing where necessary.

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Éostre

Éostre – A Provincial God

Whilst the goddess Éostre may not be actively worshipped, and indeed may be long forgotten by name, she is still well known in most rural areas across the Old World through her sphere of influence. She is said to be the goddess of the Spring and of the Dawn. Éostrá may be a remnant or a aspect of the Old Faith which has been handed down across generations. When Éostre is said to travel the world, she is accompanied with her companion or familiar, the Pflugzeit Hare.

God	Éostre
Spheres	Spring, Dawn
Worshippers	Rural folk
Offerings	Bonfires, feasting
Notes	There is no formal cult nor any shrines to Éostre, although she is praised by those who believe in her giving their thanks for the dawn.



Éostre's Feast

The night of first full moon after the Spring Equinox (9th Pflugzeit) is known as Éostre's feast. Although the use of the name may have slipped out of fashion in the last century or so, bonfires are still lit all over the countryside, and folk gather to feast, make merry and worship the goddess of the Spring. It is during this feast, when Éostre is being venerated, that her companion stalks the land.

Inspiration, research and references:

After revisiting my chocolate fuelled Warhammer Fantasy Easter Bunny, I decided to expand on this work with a new goddess to tie in the festival. For those of you who are curious, Easter is the English form of Éostre. Éostre is derived from the Proto-Germanic goddess of the Dawn, Austró. Éostre has recently found a new lease of life in Neo-Paganism with the veneration of Ostara at the Spring Equinox.

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