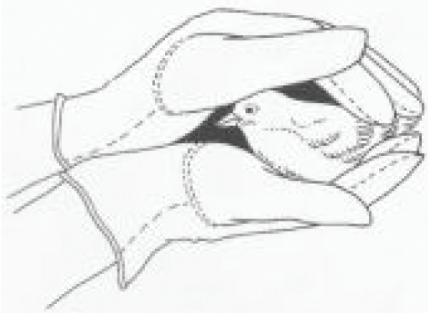


I Found a Baby Bird

Now What?



Is bird hurt or sick (unable to flutter wings; bleeding, wings drooping unevenly; weak or shivering; attacked by cat/dog?)

No

Yes

Is bird feathered?

No

Yes

It's a nestling.
(needs help!)
Can you find the nest?
Is it intact?



No

Yes

Make a substitute nest.

Poke holes in bottom of berry basket/margarine tub; line with dry grass, the old nest, or pine needles; hang from original or nearby tree.

Put baby back in nest.

Observe from a distance.
Are parents visiting nest?

Yes

Leave the area.
Baby is OK.

Put baby in nest.
Observe from a distance.
Are parents visiting nest?

Yes

No

Leave the area.
Baby is OK.

Call a wildlife rehabilitator.

It's a fledgling.
(Normal behavior to be hopping on ground; parents are still feeding it.)
Is bird safe from cats, dogs and people?



No

Yes

Put bird in bushes or on a tree limb nearby.
Watch from a distance.
Are parents nearby?

Leave the area.
Baby is OK.

No

No

Yes

Call a wildlife rehabilitator.

Leave the area.
Baby is OK.

To Find a wildlife rehabilitator in your area, contact

- Your state wildlife agency
- Humane Society
- Audubon Society
- Wild bird stores
- City Animal control officer
- Veterinarian (wildlife/exotic)
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Wildlife Rehab Info Directory: (wildliferehab.virtualave.net)

Call a wildlife rehabilitator.

Unable to reach a wildlife rehabilitator?

Call your state wildlife agency or a wildlife Veterinarian.

If you are unable to reach any of the above, see instructions on back of this page: **"How to rescue Baby Birds"**



If you find a baby duck, goose, quail or killdeer:

- If you know the mother is dead, or if baby is injured, call a wildlife rehabilitator right away.
- If baby is separated from the mother and you know where she is, place baby close by so she can hear it. Watch from a distance.
- If the mother is not found or does not claim the baby within an hour, call a wildlife rehabilitator. If you cannot reach one, rescue the baby (see instructions on back).

A baby's best chance for survival is its mother

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