

I Found a Baby Bird Now What???



To Find a Wildlife Rehabilitator in your area contact:

- *Your state wildlife agency
- *Humane Society
- *Audubon Society
- *Wild Birds Stores
- *City Animal Control officer
- *US Fish & Wildlife Service
- *Wildlife Rehab Directory

Is Bird Hurt or Sick?

- *Unable to flutter wings?
- *Wings drooping unevenly?
- *Weak or Shivering?
- *Attacked by Cat/Dog?

Is the Bird Feathered?

Call a Wildlife Rehabilitator

Is it a Nestling?

- *Needs Help?
- Can you find the nest?
- *Is it intact?



Is it a Fledgling?

- *Normal behavior is to be hopping on the ground.
- *Parents still feeding it?
- *Is Bird safe from Cats/Dogs and people?
- *Is Bird feathered?



Unable to reach a Wildlife Rehabilitator?

- *Call your State Wildlife Agency or a Veterinarian

Make a Substitute Nest

- *Poke holes in bottom of Berry basket/ Margerine tub; Line with dry grass, the old nest, or Pine needles; Do NOT put fresh green grass in the box because the moisture in it will chill the Baby. Hang from original or nearby Tree.

Put Baby Back in Nest

- *Warm in hands before returning to nest
- *Observe from a distance. Are parents visiting Nest?

Put Bird in Bushes or on Tree limb nearby

- *Watch from a distance. Are parents nearby?

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***A Baby's BEST chance for survival is with it's Mother**

***The Mother does not smell or sense human odor on a handled Baby Bird**

***Wash your hands after handling a Baby Bird.**