

What to do if you...

Found a baby bird?



Is the bird visibly injured?

Look for bleeding, gasping, weakness, shivering, or uneven / broken / non-fluttering wings.



Does the bird have feathers?

Fledglings are 14+ days old, and have short wings & tail. Hopping on the ground is normal behavior.



Hatchlings are <4 days old, and have closed eyes. Nestlings are 3 to 14 days old with open eyes and developing feathers in tube-like sheaths.

Is it in immediate danger?

Watch for threats from cats, cars, and people.



Can you find the nest?



Move it to a safe spot.

Carefully put the bird in nearby bushes or on a branch. Keep pets away.

Leave it alone.

It is normal for fledglings to spend a couple days on the ground while they learn to fly.

Carefully return the bird to its nest.

Are parents nearby, visiting or feeding?



Watch for 1-2 hours from a distance for adult birds. Parents won't abandon babies because of human scent.



Leave the area.

Congratulations for making a difference! Learn more ways to help wild birds at chirpforbirds.com.

Contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

Or try a state wildlife agency or veterinarian.

Use a warm dark box.

If you can't let nature take its course and must intervene, place the bird in a dark box using gloves or clean hands. Keep it in a warm quiet place, don't feed or water it, and get it to a rehabilitator ASAP.



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