



Nestlings

FOUND A BABY BIRD?



Fledgling

Baby birds are common in our area in the spring and summer months. Sometimes, baby birds need your help, and other times, they're okay to be left on their own!

START HERE

Is the bird any of the following:

- Bleeding or obviously injured?
- Lethargic or nonresponsive?
- Been in a cat/dog mouth?
- Covered in ants or fly eggs?

If YES to any

This bird may need immediate help!
Call your local rehabilitator ASAP and contain the bird somewhere warm, dark, and quiet until you receive help!
DO NOT FEED OR GIVE WATER!

If NO to all →

Does the bird have some feathers but cannot fly? (Hops/perches, on the ground).

OR

Does the bird have downy fluff or pin feathers? Are its eyes closed? Is it unable to stand or perch?

This is a fledgling and should be left alone—the parents are often around but out of sight. Fledglings spend a few days to a week on the ground, learning! Keeps pets and people out of the area.

This bird is too young to be out of the nest. Place bird back in the original nest, or create a makeshift nest (see instructions below)

Check on baby bird after 2-3 hours.

Is the bird still bright and alert?

After 24 hours: still doing well?

NO
YES

Congrats! You successfully re-nested a baby bird!

How to make a "Makeshift Nest":

1. Find a plastic container with small holes for drainage in the bottom.
2. Fill with nesting material (leaves or straw) and make a small "cup".
3. Attach container to the nearest tree or structure to where the baby was found using tape, zip ties, nails, etc. Put it up as high as you can reach (>5' up)!
4. Leave the area. Check back in 2-3 hours and again in 24 hours.

