



# I Found a Baby Bird WHAT SHOULD I DO?

## To find a wildlife rehabilitator contact:

- Audubon Society
- Veterinarian
- Humane Society
- State Wildlife Agency
- Wild bird stores



Is bird sick or hurt? (bleeding, cold, weak, unable to flutter wings, caught by a cat/dog, dehydrated, wings drooping unevenly)

**NO**  
Is bird feathered?

**YES**  
Call a wildlife rehabilitator

**NO**  
It's a nestling & needs help. Can you find the intact nest?

**YES**  
It's a fledgling. Normal behavior is to be hopping on ground; can stand alone; parents are still feeding it. Is it safe from cats, dogs, cars & people?

**NO**  
Make a substitute nest. Poke holes in the bottom of a margarine tub; line with dry grass, old nest material, or pine needles; hang as high as possible from original area or nearby trees

**YES**  
Put baby back in nest. Observe from a distance for up to 2 hours. Are parents visiting nest?

**NO**  
Put baby in bushes or on a tree limb nearby. Watch from a distance. Are parents nearby?

**YES**  
Leave the area, the baby is okay.

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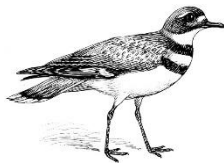
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## If you find a baby goose, duck, quail or killdeer:

- If you know the mother is dead, or if baby is injured, call a wildlife rehabilitator immediately
- If baby is separated from the mother and you know where she is, place the baby nearby so she can hear it. Observe from a distance
- If the mother is not found or does not claim the baby within an hour, call a wildlife rehabilitator

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