

I Found a Baby Bird

Now What?



Found an Animal?

Call Now!

**972-234-WILD
(9453)**



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**Call the Hotline
(972) 234-WILD
9453**

Unable to reach a rehabilitator?
Call your state wildlife agency or
a wildlife vet.

If unable to reach any of the
above, see instructions:
"How to Rescue Baby Birds."

A baby bird's
best chance for
survival
is it's mother.

Is bird hurt or sick (unable to flutter wings; bleeding; wings dropping 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 No

Leave the area.
Baby is okay.

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 tree limb nearby.
Watch from a distance.
Are parents nearby?

No Yes

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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.
- 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.