



# WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A BABY BIRD

- If the young bird is hopping and running away from you, leave it be. His parents will find him. If he is in immediate danger of becoming lunch for a cat or dog, scoop him up and put him in a nearby bush or shrub out of harm's way. (since most birds have no significant sense of smell, moving a baby bird to safety or returning a baby to its nest will not cause its parents to abandon it.)
- If you find a baby with little or no feathers and you know where the nest is, then return the bird to its nest.
- If the nest has been destroyed, you can construct a makeshift nest using a small basket or Cool Whip container. Line the container with material from old nest or dry grass or leaves. Wire your nest to a branch or place it securely in a branch fork near the old nest. Put holes in the bottom of container for drainage.
- If the baby/fledgling is cold to the touch, take him inside to warm before placing back in the nest. Nestle the bird in a warm towel or use a hot water bottle (with a towel between the bird and the bottle). Place the bird in a warm, dark, quiet place away from children and pets.
- Do not attempt to feed babies or fledglings.
- If you cannot find the nest or the bird appears to be sick, injured, needs feeding or your pet brought the bird home still alive, then give us a call at the number below and we will be glad to help.



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