

Webster Animal Control

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.



YES



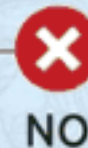
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Does the bird have feathers?

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



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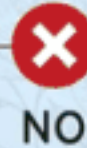
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Is it in immediate danger?

Watch for threats from cats, cars, and people.

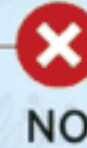


YES



NO

Can you find the nest?



NO



YES

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?



YES

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



NO

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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For more info:

chirpforbirds.com



Find a NYS Wildlife Rehabilitator:

dec.ny.gov/animals/83977.html



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