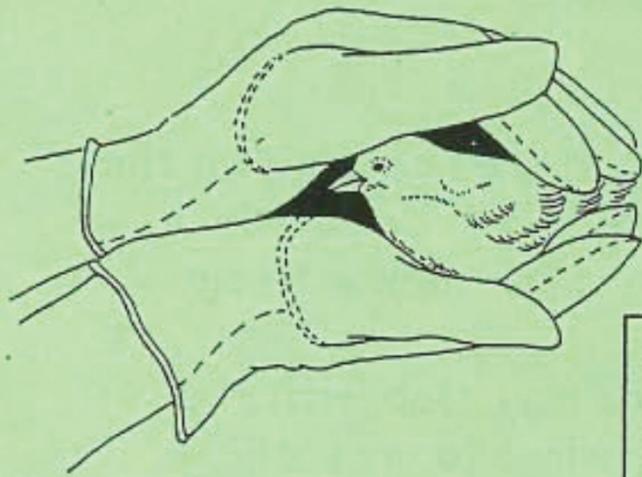


# I Found a Baby Bird Now What?



To find a wildlife rehabilitator in your area, contact:

- Your state wildlife agency
- Humane Society
- Audubon Society
- wild bird stores
- Call Animal Services
- veterinarian (wildlife/exotic)
- Coast Guard or Marine Patrol
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- (online) Wildlife Rehabilitation Information Directory

Is the bird hurt or sick? (Unable to flutter its wings, bleeding, wings drooping unevenly, weak or shivering, attacked by a cat or dog?)

No Yes

Is the bird feathered?

No Yes

It's a *nestling*. (Needs help!) Can you find the nest? Is it intact?



No Yes

It's a *fledgling*. (It's normal behavior to be hopping on ground; parents are still feeding it.) Is bird safe from cats, dogs, and people?



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. Watch from a distance. Are parents visiting the nest?

Yes No

Put baby in bushes or on tree limb nearby. Watch from a distance. Are the parents nearby?

No Yes

Leave the area. Baby is okay.

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A baby bird's best chance for survival is its mother!