I Found A Baby Bird What should I do now?

Is the bird injured or sick?  
(unable to use wings or feet, wing drooping, bleeding, weak, attacked by a dog or cat)  
Check thoroughly - baby birds often sustain injuries after a fall onto hard surfaces.

no **→** Is the bird feathered?

yes **→** Call WRR’s 24-HOUR EMERGENCY HOTLINE  
(830)336-2725

Is the bird feathered?

no **→** He or she is a nestling.  
(Needs help)

yes **→** He or she is a fledgling.  
(Normal behavior to be hopping on the ground; parents are still feeding him or her)

Can you see the parent birds? Is the nest intact?

no **→** Make a suitable nest. Use a small box or container, line with grass or other bedding and hang from original or nearby tree.

yes **→** Put the bird in a low tree limb or brush. Watch from a distance.

Is the bird safe from cats, dogs, and people?

no **→** Leave the bird alone. The parents will care for him or her.

yes **→** Are the parents nearby?

no **→** Put baby back in nest. Observe from a distance for 2-4 hours. If parents come to care for bird, leave him or her alone. If no parents are observed after 4 hours, call WRR’s 24-HR EMERGENCY HOTLINE.

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If you find a baby nighthawk, duck, goose, or quail:

- If mother is dead or baby is injured, CALL WRR.
- If you know where the mother is place the baby close by so she can hear him.
- If the mother has not claimed the baby within one hour, CALL WRR.