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IMPORTANT:
- It is a myth that if you touch a baby wild animal the parents will reject them – this is simply not true.
- Not all wild babies need help!
  Each year, we receive thousands of baby birds who are mistakenly taken from their parents.

Before seeking help, ask these questions:

Does the baby bird have feathers?

- YES
- PARTIALLY
- NO

**She is a hatchling.**
Is she warm to the touch?

- YES
- NO

**She needs help.**
Bring her to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Do not give food or water.

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Please call our hotline if you have any questions or find a baby bird.
(830) 336-2725