

I Found a Baby Song Bird.... What Do I DO?

Step 1: Is the bird bleeding, limping, very cold, dragging a wings, or unconscious?
If so, call the Center immediately for instructions.

Step 2: Does the bird have feathers?

A. If the bird is naked or just partially feathered, it needs to be returned to the nest, if possible. Search trees and bushes, to see if you can find the nest. If you are SURE that it is the correct nest, gently place the baby back in. Human scent will not cause the parents to reject the baby; song birds do not have a developed sense of smell.

If the nest is not accessible, or you cannot find it, call the Center for further instructions. In some cases, we can instruct you on how to make a substitute nest.

If the bird is fully feathered, it is called a FLEDGLING. They are frequently found hopping on the ground and are mistaken for injured adults. They can be spotted by their short tail feathers. They should be monitored from a distance to see if the parents return. It is normal for them to be alone for short periods of time. If no parent returns for several hours, call the Center.

