

HELP! I FOUND A BABY...

SONGBIRD



*NOT APPLICABLE WITH PRECOXIAL SPECIES LIKE DUCKS, GEESE, QUAIL, AND SHOREBIRDS

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Is the bird fully feathered?
If so, it's a fledgling! It's normal for it to not fly.

- ✓ Go to Step 5.
- ✗ Go to Step 3.

1



Is the baby visibly injured or sick? For example, bleeding, drooping a wing, or laying down?

- ✓ Go to Step 6.
- ✗ Go to Step 2.

3



Can you find and reach the nest?

YES: Put the baby back in the nest.

- ✓ Go to Step 5.
- ✗ Go to Step 4.

4



Can you make a substitute nest? Line a box with dry grass and secure well to the original tree.

- ✓ Go to Step 5.
- ✗ Go to Step 6.

6



Keep the bird in a box in a warm, dark, quiet place away from people and pets. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FEED.** Go to Step 7.

5



Observe the bird from a distance for 2 hours.
Are the parents coming by to feed?

- ✓ Leave the baby alone!
- ✗ Go to Step 6.

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SMALL MAMMAL



*NOT APPLICABLE FOR RABBITS

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Can you find the nest or den? Is it intact?

- ✓ Go to Step 3.
- ✗ Go to Step 4.

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Is the baby visibly injured or sick? For example, bleeding, lethargic or shivering?

- ✓ Go to Step 6.
- ✗ Go to Step 2.

3



Place baby in nest/den. Make sure to wear gloves and avoid direct contact.

- ✓ Go to Step 5.

4



Can you make a reunite box? Line a shallow box with a T-shirt and keep it warm but out of the sun. Place baby in without having direct contact.

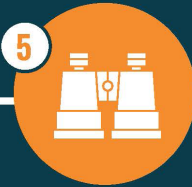
- ✓ Go to Step 5.
- ✗ Go to Step 6.

6



Keep the baby in a box in a warm, dark, quiet place away from people and pets. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FEED.** Do not have direct contact. Go to Step 7.

5



Observe the baby for 24 hours from a distance. Squirrels should be brought in at night; raccoons will need to be left outside with heat at night for mom.

Is the mother coming by?

- ✓ Leave the baby alone!
- ✗ Go to Step 6.

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DUCK



* APPLICABLE TO MOST PRECOCIAL SPECIES



Watch over the duckling from a distance for 2-3 hours. Leave at least 30 feet between you and the baby.



Is the baby visibly injured or sick?

For example, bleeding, lethargic or shivering?

✓ Go to Step 5.

✗ Go to Step 2.



Do you see mom duck?

Mom will often have several other babies that are similar in size following her.

✓ Go to Step 4.

✗ Go to Step 5.



Bring the baby near the female duck. Does she peck or chase the baby? If so, this duck is not the mother.

✓ If she chases, go to step 5.

✗ If not, leave the baby alone!



Place the box in a dark, quiet place away from people and pets. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FEED OR WATER. If the baby gets wet they could get too cold.



Place the baby in a box with a T-shirt. Keep the baby warm with a heating pad, hand warmers, or warm water bottle. Be sure to wrap the heat source so the baby doesn't get too hot.



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HELP! I FOUND A BABY...

BUNNY



* BUNNIES WITH EARS PROPPED UP AND EYES OPEN ARE WEANED AND SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE



Can you find the nest? Rabbit nests are shallow depressions in the grass. Is the nest intact?

✓ Go to Step 3.

✗ Go to Step 4.

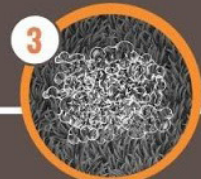


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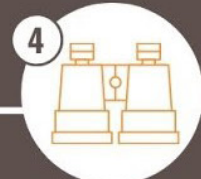
For example, bleeding, lethargic or shivering?

✓ Go to Step 5.

✗ Go to Step 2.



Don't touch the nest. Encircle it with flour to find out if the mother is returning to her babies. They only come back to the nest at dawn and dusk!



Watch over the nest from a distance. After 24 hours, check the flour circle to see if it was disturbed.

Is the mother coming by? Leave the baby alone!

✓ Go to Step 5.



Place the box in a dark, quiet place away from people and pets. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FEED OR WATER. Untrained hands can cause harm.



Place the baby in a box with a T-shirt. Keep the baby warm with a heating pad, hand warmers, or warm water bottle. Be sure to wrap the heat source so the baby doesn't get too hot.



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