

# Found a baby bird?

*Here's what to do!*

No

## Is the bird visibly injured?

For example wounded, bleeding, damaged wing/leg. Has a cat got hold of it?

Yes

**Give us a call and bring them down for a Vet to assess them!**

What does it look like?

Eyes closed, no feathers but small amount of fuzz, very young. Usually 0-3 days old



You've found a **HATCHLING!**

Eyes open, few feathers present, most in hard 'tube like' sheaths. Usually 3-13 days



You've found a **NESTLING!**

Fully feathered, short tail and wings, awkwardly hops or flutters but can't quite fly. Usually 13-14 days or older



You've found a **FLEDGLING!**

Can you see an obvious nest nearby with similar birds?

Yes

Return the bird to the nest. Don't worry, the parents won't 'smell' you on their baby!

No

Make a DIY nest from a pot/small basket with dried grass and leaves inside. Attach the nest to a tree securely and place bird back inside

Is it in immediate danger? (Near a road, busy path etc)

Yes

Move it carefully to a safer spot. Make sure it's within hearing distance of where you found it, as birds rely heavily on sound

No

## **DO NOT INTERVENE!**

Although it looks awkward or like its struggling, this is a natural step for baby birds. The fledgling needs to be left alone at this stage. Don't worry, the parents are often near-by and will still be feeding it