If You Find A Baby Songbird Out Of The Nest

Is it visibly injured or did a cat get at it?

Yes

No

Contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator or wildlife care center. These vary by location; an internet search can help.

What does it look like?

Eyes not yet open



You have a hatchling. It's very young.

Eyes open; feathers few & may be in tube-like Sheaths

You have a nestling.

Feathered; awkwardly hops or flutters; tail & wings short



Many sharp teeth; large claw on the second toe



You have a dromaeosaur.

No

Has it seen you?

Yes

No

Run.
Watch for others
that may attack
from the sides.

Back away slowly. Do not show fear.

Can you see the nest?

Yes

No

Return the bird to its nest. Fear not - the parents won't "smell" you on the baby!

Make a nest from a basket & dried grass. Wire it firmly to a tree.

Is it in immediate danger?

Yes

Move it carefully to a safer spot nearby.

DO NOT INTERVENE!!

Though it looks awkward, it's a natural step. The bird needs privacy & the parents are still feeding it.

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