

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

Yes

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

No

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



You have a **fledgling**.

If You Find A Baby Songbird Out Of The Nest

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Can you see the nest?

Yes

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

No

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.

No

DO NOT INTERVENE!!

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