I found a baby bird, what do I do?

First: **Is the bird visibly injured?**

YES → Care or advice is needed from a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

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NO → **Does the bird have feathers?**

YES → **Is the mother nearby?**

NO → **Is the bird a duckling or gosling?**

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NO → It is a nestling and shouldn't be on the ground!

Can you find the nest?

YES → Put the baby back in the nest and wait 15 minutes.

Are the parents visiting the nest?

YES → **Leave the baby bird there!**
They will be okay, their best chance for survival is with their natural parents.

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YES → **Is the mother nearby?**

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YES → Place the baby close to the mother and wait 15 minutes.

Does the mother claim her baby?

YES → **Leave the baby bird there!**
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YES → It is a fledgling. Being on the ground is normal.

Are the parents nearby and is the bird in a safe place, protected from predators?

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