I FOUND A BABY BIRD
Wild birds live among us in our gardens and parks. Sometimes they need our help and sometimes they don’t. How can you tell?

**IS THE BIRD SICK OR HURT?**
If it is bleeding, unable to flutter its wings, weak or shivering, or has it been attacked by a cat or dog? Are its wings drooping unevenly or does it have insects on it?

**IT’S A NESTLING**
It needs help! Can you find the nest? Is it intact? Is the baby warm to the touch?

**IT’S A FLEDGLING**
Hopping around on the ground is normal if the parents are still feeding it. Is the bird safe from cats, dogs and people?

**IS THE BIRD FEATHERED?**

**Bring the baby to the Pacific Wildlife Care Clinic**
Can you transport it immediately?

**Put the baby in the nest**
Observe from a distance for an hour. Are the parents visiting the nest?

**Put the the bird in a bush or on a nearby tree limb**
Watch from a distance for an hour. Are the parents nearby?

**Call the Pacific Wildlife Care Hotline**
805-543-WILD (9453)

**IF YOU NEED TO BRING AN INJURED OR ORPHANED BIRD TO PWC**

1. **Prepare a container.** A shoebox with air holes in the lid, lined with a small towel, works for most songbirds.
2. **Protect yourself.** Even sick birds may try to protect themselves with their beaks or talons. Wear gloves if possible. Birds may have parasites or carry diseases. Wash your hands after handling.
3. **Put the bird in the box.** Cover the bird with a light cloth and gently put it in the shoebox.
4. **Keep it warm.** If the bird is cold, put one end of the shoebox on a heating pad set on low.
5. **If you can’t transport it immediately:**
   - Call the PWC Hotline (805-543-WILD (9453))
   - Keep the bird in a warm, dark, quiet place.
   - Do not give it food or water.
   - Do not handle it. Even a calm, quiet animal is stressed and any human interaction can be harmful.
   - Keep children and pets away from it.
6. **Transport the bird to PWC.** Keep it in the shoebox, keep the car quiet (radio off, etc.). **Directions**
7. **Complete the PWC intake form.** Provide complete information on the circumstances of your rescue. Provide your personal information clearly in the event we need to contact you.