Have you found a BABY BIRD?

DID YOU KNOW?

Not all baby birds need a nest, some baby birds are born ready to take on the world (precoidal). Please seek advice before creating an artificial nest to ensure that the baby bird needs it.

FEATHERLESS

If I have no feathers I will need help keeping warm (altricial). If I am still in my nest keep an eye out to see if my parents come back.

If they haven't returned after an hour please take me in and keep me warm.

You will need to get me to your closest vet or wildlife centre ASAP.

FLEDGLING

If I have feathers and I am on the ground I'm learning to fly.

My parents will be keeping a

close eye on me to ensure I
am safe, they will also be
bringing me food
at regular intervals.
Please do not disturb my
flying lesson unless I am in danger.
If I am in danger please place me on a
low branch out of harms way.

Please do not 'rescue' me, or I won't learn how to fend for myself!

WHEN SHOULD YOU INTERVENE?

If I have injuries, I am featherless and my parents have not returned, or I have been in the mouth of a cat or dog I will need to be seen by a vet. Please put a towel over me and place me in a box to transport me to the vet. You can keep me warm by putting a hot water bottle covered in towels in my box.

Please do not fed me or give me water, I have a specialised diet and I may need surgery. Once the vet has fixed me up they will send me to Native Animal Rescue for some rest and relaxation

MAKING A NEW NEST

If my nest has been destroyed or you cannot reach it to put me back you can make me a new nest quickly and easily.

- 1. Punch some holes in the bottom of a plastic bucket, ice-cream container or hanging basket.
- 2. Put some dried leaves or grass in the bottom of the bucket and put a stick at an angle poking out the top (secure the bottom of the stick in one of the holes) so that mum can get in and out.
- 3. Put me in my new nest and hang it in a leafy tree or bush where I will be shaded and protected from predators. Make sure you put me close to where you found me so that mum can find me too.

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