

DID YOU FIND A BABY BIRD?



If the baby bird has visible injuries, call OC Animal Care at (714) 935-6848

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Let's Paws



Nestling

Nestling is a young bird that has not left the nest. Nestlings who are unfeathered or covered in fluffy down and will not survive long out of the nest.

If you found a nestling out of their nest:

- If it easy to locate the nest and safe to do so, place the nestling back in their nest.
- Observe from a distance for an hour to ensure its parents has returned.
- *Don't worry! Birds have a poor sense of smell, so handling a young bird will not cause its parents to abandon it.*

Fledgling

Fledgling are feathered, juvenile birds who are typically hopping on the ground for 1-2 days after leaving their nest. Parents are likely still feeding and watching them from a short distance away.

- If the fledgling is in a dangerous or exposed location, gently herd the fledgling to nearby bushes or shelter.
- Observe from a distance for an hour to ensure its parents has returned.
- *Removing a fledgling from the wild is an absolute last resort. Fledglings may appear dainty, but they are tougher than they look!*