



I FOUND A BIRD WHAT DO I DO?

Call **HELP WILD BIRDS** at (540)342-4890
Temporary Care Instructions for Orphaned or Injured Birds by Maureen Eiger

If you think the bird is orphaned or injured, please capture it and contain the bird.

Please do not feed the bird any food, water or any liquids!

When you force feed a baby bird, food or water, it can do more damage than good. Resist a baby bird begging! Most baby birds are fine for almost 24 hours without food or water. Leaving a shallow dish of water or proper food for *adult* birds is fine. Next - find a cardboard box or container. Punch small air holes in it so the bird can get air, but not get out. Try to use a box appropriate to the bird's size. A shoebox, a tissue box that you can tape a top onto or any other clean box with a lid works great. Then call Maureen Eiger, Director of Help Wild Birds, and a State & Federally permitted wild bird rehabilitator at 342-4890 for instructions.



FOR BABY BIRDS (NO REAL FEATHERS SHOWING)

Place in a tissue paper lined cup or make a paper towel nest, place it in the bottom of the box. (See photo) Keep the baby birds warm with a heating pad on low under the box, or a microwaved warmed sock filled with rice placed in the box near the bird. Keep the bird just warm to the touch, not hot! Call ASAP for instructions.



FOR MOST BIRDS THAT HAVE FEATHERS just a paper towel lined box works well. You can roll



up a paper towel and make it into a circular perch or shape it into a "nest" and lay it on the bottom of the box. If the bird is injured and needs physical support, place rolled paper towels or a rolled up clean cloth in a tight circle shape (donut) and place it in the box. Put the bird gently in the center. Try to make sure the bird stays upright and does



not lie on its side if at all possible. This is good for window hit birds. Keep the bird in a quiet place. Leave the bird alone; don't handle or bother it. Keep children and pets away. Call; leave a message, we are often very busy, but we always call you back.

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