

# What to do if you find a baby bird...

WILDLIFE CENTER  
OF THE  
NORTH COAST



Was it  
picked up by  
a cat?

YES

NO



Is it  
injured?

YES

NO

Does the bird have  
feathers?

NO

It is a NESTLING

Contact your local  
wildlife hospital:  
**(503)338-0331**  
WCNC's Wildlife Rescue Hotline

NO

Can you see the nest?

YES

It is a FLEDGLING

Are the parents still  
visiting the nest?

**DANGER**

Is it in  
immediate  
danger?  
e.g. cats or cars

NO

**LEAVE IT ALONE**

It is completely normal for fledglings to spend a couple of days on the ground before flying. Their wing muscles need time to finish developing.

**Put the nestling back  
in the nest.**

Don't worry, parent birds will  
not abandon babies because  
of human scent.

**Move to a safe  
area nearby.**  
e.g. under a hedge

YES

YES

