WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A BABY BIRD...

START HERE

Was it picked up by a cat?

YES → **Contact your local wildlife hospital.**

(503)338-0331
WCNC's Wildlife Rescue Hotline

NO → **Is it injured?**

YES → **Contact your local wildlife hospital.**

NO → **Does the bird have feathers?**

NO → **It is a NESTLING**

→ **Can you see the nest?**

NO → **Contact your local wildlife hospital.**

YES → **Are the parents still visiting the nest?**

NO → **Contact your local wildlife hospital.**

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

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

YES → **It is a FLEDGLING**

→ **Is it in immediate danger?**

e.g. cats or cars

YES → **Move to a safe area nearby.**

e.g. under a hedge

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.