I Found a Baby Bird… *Now What?*

**Is bird hurt or sick?**
(Unable to flutter wings, bleeding, wings droop unevenly, weak or shivering, attacked by cat or dog?)

- **NO**
  - **Is bird feathered?**
    - **NO**
      - **It’s a nestling and needs help.**
        - Can you find the nest?
        - Is it intact?
        - **NO**
          - **Make a substitute nest.** Poke holes in bottom of a berry basket or margarine tub; line with dry grass, the old nest, or pine needles; hang from nearby tree.
        - **YES**
          - **Put baby back in nest.**
            - Observe from a distance. Are parents visiting nest?
            - **NO**
              - **Leave the area.**
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  - **YES**

**It’s a fledgling.**
Normal behavior to be hopping on ground; parents will feed it.

- **Is bird safe from cats, dogs, and people?**
  - **NO**
    - **Put bird in bushes or on tree limb nearby.** Watch from a distance. Are parents nearby?
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  - **YES**
    - **Unable to reach a rehabilitator?**
      - Call AZ Game & Fish Department, Tucson
        - 520 388-4446; or
        - 520 628-5376

**Other Hints….**
If you know the mother is dead, or if the baby is injured, call the Wildlife Hotline right away.

If the baby is separated from the mother (such as a duck, goose or quail) and you know where she is, place the baby close by so she can hear it. Watch from a distance. If the baby is not claimed *within an hour*, call a rehabilitator and/or rescue the baby.