

# Baby birds in distress

What to do if you find a baby bird.

Not every young bird found is in need of help.

## Birds which always require help

- Injured birds.
- Birds that are not yet fully feathered and cannot be returned to the nest unobserved by the bird's parents.
- Swifts, alpine swifts and possibly swallows found on the ground.

## Healthy looking young birds with complete plumage should be left at the site, unless ...

- There are no bird parents nearby, even after at least an hour of observation from an adequate distance.
- The baby bird is at risk from traffic or cats and cannot be removed from the danger zone and moved to the bushes, a branch or a hedge.

## IMPORTANT!

Birds in need of help require attention from an expert. Provide warmth, put the patient in a small cardboard box with air holes (the darkness will calm the bird) and take it to the veterinarian or the nearest bird sanctuary. Do not under any circumstances force it to take food or water, as this could be fatal.



Because every life matters!