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BIRD RESCUE SITUATION OR NOT? HOW TO TELL:

	Do not intervene!	Take them back to the nest!	Make a new nest and place in tree	Contact a Rehab Center ONLY if the nest cannot be restored/birds are injured	Intervene only if there are signs of injury	Contact a Licensed Rehab Center
Baby songbirds with signs of injury <ul style="list-style-type: none"> bleeding, eye injuries or broken wings 						•
Hatchlings (few or no feathers, pink bodies and eyes closed) on the ground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New nest can be made from butter container with holes in bottom and sides. Fill with grass and “hang” from a tree. Parents will return. 		•	•	•		
Nestlings (eyes open and have feathers) songbirds on the ground		•	•	•		
Fledgling songbirds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the ground walking or hopping, capable of short flights with no obvious injuries or danger 	•				•	
Nestling raptors: hawks, owls, peregrines, eagles, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nests are high in trees and babies cannot be easily returned, may be injured from the fall 			•	•		
Fledgling raptors: hawks, owls, peregrines, eagles, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small screech owls and kestrels are at risk- place on branch of a pine tree Larger fledglings are fine unless obvious injuries Parents will respond to their calls and assist them 	•			•	•	
European Starlings and English Sparrows are invasive and most rehabilitation centers will not accept them.	•					
Adult birds with signs of injuries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including bleeding, swelling, eyes closed, no sustained flight, unable to stand, falling over, drooping or dragging a wing or leg Common causes are car and window collisions, predator attacks 						•
Fake (deception) injuries such as a fake broken wing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Often seen during nesting season to lure predators away from the nest 	•					

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<p>Trapped birds indicate an emergency situation that requires help from an experienced facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not attempt to remove the trap. If the bird escapes during rescue, its chances of survival are very poor. Trapped birds often starve to death as they are unable to hunt successfully. 						•
<p>Mantling raptors are displaying a feeding posture. They appear to be injured but are guarding their prey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Characteristics include wings outstretched, ducking down to pick at food, quick peaks over shoulder to look for someone to steal their prey, staying on the ground, dragging food with one foot. 	•					
<p>Swans: Trumpeter, Tundra and Mute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trumpeter swans are native to Ohio. Tundra swans are seen in Ohio during spring and fall migrations. CONTACT A LICENSED REHAB CENTER if you find an injured Trumpeter or Tundra swan. Mute Swans are an aggressive invasive species that are displacing our native wildlife and destroying our wetlands. All sightings of mute swans, healthy or injured, need to be reported to the <u>Ohio DNR</u> at 1-800-945-3543. 				•		

Visit the Rescue Information page on our website for more 'what-to-do' tips.

<https://www.medinaraptorcenter.org/rescue-tips/what-to-do/>

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR LICENSED WILDLIFE REHABILITATORS IN NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Medina Raptor Center

- Owls, hawks, falcons, eagles, ospreys and turkey vultures
- Native songbirds, Trumpeter and Tundra swans, shorebirds and herons
(330) 591-7300, Medina, Ohio

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

- Raptors, songbirds & water fowl
(440) 871-2900, Ext. 204 or (440) 471-8357
Bay Village, Ohio

Ohio Bird Sanctuary

- Raptors & Song Birds
419-884-HAWK (4295), Mansfield, Ohio

ODNR Division of Wildlife

- Mammals
- Mute Swans
(330) 644-2293
Akron, Ohio

Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center

- Raptors & Song Birds
440-256-1404 X 2131
Penitentiary Glen Reservation, Kirtland, Ohio