

Sick, Injured, and Baby Birds

We care deeply about the health of Wisconsin's birds -- they're the reason the Bird City Wisconsin program exists -- but we are not wildlife rehabilitators, and we do not have the staff or resources to pick up injured and sick birds.

Here's where to get help, what to do with sick or injured birds, how to rescue baby birds, and how to transport wildlife safely.

Where to get help

If you are in Milwaukee County, contact the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of the Wisconsin Humane Society. The Wildlife Rehabilitation Center rescues, rehabilitates, and returns to the wild injured, sick, and orphaned wild animals in Milwaukee County. It also refer callers from other counties to their closest wildlife rehabilitation resources.

Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

Web: <https://www.wihumane.org/wildlife>

Phone: (414) 431-6204

If you are outside of Milwaukee County, use this directory, maintained by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, to locate a wildlife rehabilitator in your area:

Wildlife Rehabilitation Directory

Web: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/directory.html>

Phone: 1 (888) 936-7463

What to do with a sick or injured bird

This [three-page document](#) (PDF), published by the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of the Wisconsin Humane Society, describes the following:

- What to do when a bird collides with a window
- How to determine whether a bird found on the ground is sick or injured
- How to handle large birds
- What to do after you contain a bird
- Where to get help

How to rescue a baby bird

Two [one-page documents](#) (PDF), prepared by Wisconsin DNR, describe the following:

- How to rescue baby birds
- How to determine if a baby bird needs rescuing. (Not all baby birds need our assistance.)

How to transport wildlife

This [two-page document](#) (PDF), written by Wisconsin DNR, describes how to prevent stress and further injury when transporting wild animals, including birds.