



About us:

Founded in 2003, Wild Bird Rehab Haven of the Hawaiian Islands is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We are a network of wild bird rehabilitators working hand-in-hand with a caring group of volunteers we hope to expand. We heal, foster and release wild birds back to their natural habitats. We also teach classes on baby bird care and how to help the sick and injured birds on Oahu.

Want to get involved? Please visit our website at wildbirdrehabhaven.org for a list of volunteer opportunities in addition to the many ways you can contribute financially. Mahalo for your kokua. Your gifts are tax deductible.

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Our Mission Statement:

The mission of the Wild Bird Rehab Haven of the Hawaiian Islands is to offer rehabilitation to all the wild birds of Hawaii, whether feral, threatened, endangered, migratory, domestic, game, or exotic.

To better accomplish our mission, we are planning an island-wide intake and rehabilitation center. This facility will allow for bird rehabilitation and public education programs in one location, in addition to offering a permanent home for any bird unable to survive in the wild.

Will you help? Until we secure an intake center we need more foster caregivers to temporarily house and care for birds.

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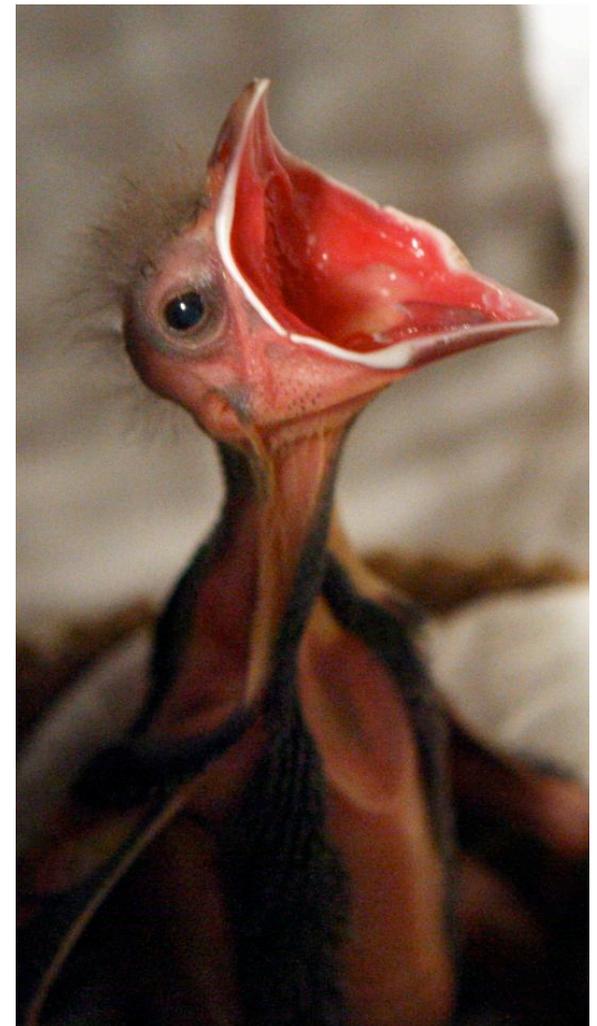
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I found a bird. What do I do now?

Warmth:

The number one need of any sick, injured or baby bird is to be kept warm.

Unlike mammals, birds do not burn fat to keep warm. It is not enough to wrap a bird in a towel like you might wrap a puppy or a baby. Unless the bird feels VERY WARM to your touch, it needs an external source of heat such as a heating pad set to low. Only a thin towel should be between the bird and the heat. If you don't have a heating pad, put HOT water in a watertight jar, use a cup of coffee with a snug lid, or heat a bag of raw rice or bird seed in the microwave for a few minutes. Reheat as needed. Cable TV boxes, computers, and other electronic devices may emit a comparable, safe amount of steady heat. The source of your heat should be warm to your hand not hot. Place a paper towel over the heat source so the bird can perch on top or snuggle next to it to get warm and cover with layers of tissue so you can remove

them as they become soiled. Make sure there is room for the bird to move away from the heat if it's too warm. Birds are naturally 102-106 degrees fahrenheit, but if she's panting it's too warm. A cold bird is in **SERIOUS DANGER**. If she feels cold or cool to the touch, turn the heating pad up to medium for a few minutes, but stay alert and monitor the bird. It is all too easy to overheat. Another way to rapidly raise the bird's temperature is to use a hair dryer on warm heat held at a distance from the bird. This will be stressful for the bird, so try and minimize other stress factors around you. If the bird is desperately cold, especially baby birds, you can hold the bird in very warm water, keeping its head out of the water at all times. If the water temperature is comfortable for your hand it should not be too hot for the bird.

Hydration:

The second most important thing to provide a sick or injured bird is water.

Please note babies being fed formula need no additional water. There is enough moisture in the formula. To present water to an adult bird, let tepid water trickle from the tap into your hand forming a shallow pool. Give it several chances to recognize water in this strange form.

Peace & Quiet:

Adult birds should then be left in a quiet, dark place to reduce stress. Only babies will need to eat right away.



Food:

Formula for baby birds is sold at most pet stores. Using very hot tap water, mix it only to the consistency of milk; this is much thinner than package directions. Don't heat in the microwave; hot spots can scald the baby. Alternatives: crushed papaya, human baby food from a jar, hard-cooked egg yolk, mashed tofu. Tiny birds may need to eat every half hour (daylight hours only). Tweezers, toothpicks, eyedroppers, or straws can be used to deliver the food.



These recommendations are only for the first 24 hours after finding a bird. Please call 447-9274 or visit our website at wildbirdrehabhaven.org for information on different species of birds and their particular dietary needs, etc.

The preceding instructions **DO NOT** apply to sea birds.