

All About Baby Crows



Wildlife Rescue
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Baby crows have beautiful bright blue eyes and a pink bill.

The bill will turn black within it's first week of life, but the corners of it's mouth remain pink for a few more weeks.

**Found a baby crow?
Unless it is visibly injured, leave it alone!**



Once crows leave their nest, they are very awkward and are not completely flighted. They will often allow humans to come right up to them as they haven't developed the instinct to fly off yet! They will remain on the ground for 7-10 days before they can fully fly.

Finding a flightless baby crow is totally normal between late May and July. It does not imply that it has been abandoned or fallen out of the nest.



Baby crows have a better chance of survival in nature with their parents.

As skilled as our staff and volunteers are, there is simply no replacement for a parent's care.

Does this crow need help?

Does it have visible signs of injured? Blood or a drooping wing?

YES

Call our Support Centre immediately at (604) 526-7275.

What does it look like?



Nestling

If you find a bird that has few feathers, blue eyes and obvious pink "lips", you have found a nestling crow.



Fledgling

If it looks like an adult crow with short tail feathers and blue or grey eyes and you found it hopping around on the ground, you have found a fledgling. Fledgling crows sometimes have pink lips.

Are other crows dive-bombing it?

YES

Crows live in tight-knit family groups and will defend their nests and babies by mobbing predators (including humans). It can look like they are dive-bombing a young one when in reality they are feeding it.

Is it out of the nest?

YES

Carefully return the bird to its nest and watch from a distance for the parents to return. Don't worry; they won't reject the baby because you touched it.

Is it in immediate danger?

YES

Herd it carefully to a shrub or tree nearby. Keep any pets indoors or away from the area for a few days.

NO

DO NOT intervene! Though it looks awkward, it's a natural step. The bird needs time and space to learn to fly. The parents are still watching it from close by, and may dive-bomb you if you get too close!

