

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU HAVE FOUND SICK OR INJURED WILDLIFE

Contact one of these Wildlife Centres:

1. Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre, Napanee
(P) 613-354-0264
www.sandypineswildlife.org
2. Toronto Wildlife Centre, Toronto
(P) 416-631-0662
www.torontowildlifecentre.com
3. Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary, Pickering
(P) 905-649-8282
www.second-chance.ws

FAQ OF WILDLIFE

Q: I found a baby bird hopping around on the ground and it cannot fly. What do I do?

A: It is a fledging and it is learning to fly. Watch from a distance to make sure the parents are nearby. If you are still concerned, call one of the Wildlife Centres listed above.

Q: A baby bird has fallen from its nest. What do I do?

A: If it is alert, warm and not injured you can put it back into the correct nest. Birds have a limited sense of smell and cannot detect human scent on their young. If the nest is destroyed or unreachable, you can make a nest. Use a plastic berry basket (container must have drainage, with holes in the bottom), line it with dry grass and then wire the basket to the tree as close to the original nest as possible. Wash your hands well. Watch from a distance for the next few hours to ensure the parents have found the new nest. If you are still concerned, call one of the Wildlife Centres listed above.

Q: I found a baby squirrel, does it need help?

A: If the squirrel is cold, wet or injured it does need help. Call one of the Wildlife Centres listed above.

Q: I found a baby fawn by itself the mother must have abandoned it. What do I do?

A: Mothers will come back for their fawns every four hours to feed them. If the baby is covered in flies or is crying, it needs help. If the baby is curled up quietly, leave it alone. You must leave quickly because if you go slowly, the fawn may follow you. Never handle the baby because you're sent on the fawn may cause the mother to abandon it. You can come back in 5-8 hours to reassess the situation. The mother will know you have been there, and should move her fawn. If you believe the fawn is hurt call a Wildlife Centre for help. Do not feed a fawn cow's milk, it will kill the fawn.