

Cut Down a Tree and There Were

Baby Birds

Did you find the nest?

Place the baby birds in a small round wicker basket or plastic bowl with bunched up Kleenex or paper towel in the bottom (do not use toilet paper which can wrap around the babies legs and cause injury). Keep the baby birds warm and away from drafts. DO NOT FEED OR GIVE WATER!!! The baby birds can survive for quite some time without food or water and the risk of you killing them by feeding them improperly is very high. Call a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

YES

Are the babies

injured?

Depending on the species of bird and the proximity of the nearest tree, you might have success securing the nest into the closest tree. If the tree was deciduous, select a nearby deciduous tree. If the tree was coniferous, select a nearby conifer. If you know the species of bird or can email a photo of the babies to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator, the rehabilitator might be able to tell you normal nest height and how many babies are typical for that species so that

you can be sure you found everyone. Secure the nest into a nearby tree using cable ties or wire. Make sure that the twisted part of the wire or the cable tie connector is outside of the nest so that it doesn't injure the baby birds. It is normally best to place the nest on a sturdy branch but away from the tree trunk so that raccoons cannot easily reach the baby birds. Once the nest is secured, place the baby birds back in the nest, leave the area and watch from a distance for two hours but never leave the baby birds out after dark if the parents haven't resumed caring for them. If the parents haven't found and started caring for the baby birds after two hours or nightfall approaches, remove them from the nest and place them in a small round wicker basket or plastic container with bunched up Kleenex or paper towel in the bottom (do not use toilet paper which can wrap around the babies legs and cause injury). Keep the baby birds warm and away from drafts. DO NOT FEED OR GIVE WATER!!! The baby birds can survive for quite some time without food or water and the risk of you killing them by feeding them improperly is very high.

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It is possible that the birds were cavity nesters. Check the tree for any holes that could have been nesting spots for woodpeckers, chickadees, screech owls or other cavity-nesting birds. It is common that only one or two babies were ejected from the cavity as the tree fell and that the others are still in the cavity. Place the babies in a box with bunched up Kleenex or paper towel in the bottom (do not use toilet paper which can wrap around the babies legs and cause injury). Keep the baby birds warm and away from drafts. DO NOT FEED OR GIVE WATER and call a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

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