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# Help!

## I found a baby raptor. What do I do?

### 1) Is the baby injured?

YES: Call us right away! We can take in any injured hatchlings.

NO: Read on.

### 2) Is the nest safely accessible?

YES: Put the chick back in the nest. Contrary to popular belief, most raptors cannot smell! The parents will still take care of the chick, even if you put it back in the nest with your hands.

NO: If the chick is very young, call us. If the chick is gaining some of its mature feathers and can make small flights, leave the chick alone (or read on). The chick is likely exercising its muscles in preparation for longer flights.

### 3) Is the baby in dangerous place, such as an area with cats/dogs?

YES: Call us! We can take them in.

NO: Read on.

### 4) Are the parents around taking care of the chick?

YES: Great! If there are no other issues with the baby, have fun watching 'your' hatchling grow up in your backyard.

NO: Keep a close watch on the hatchling. If its parents do not show at all within several hours, call us. We can take in orphans.

Is the baby raptor you see in a safe place, being taken care of by its parents, and does not seem to be injured? Wonderful! Watch nature at work, and hopefully you'll have more beautiful raptors soaring around your home in a few months.

**Have something not listed here?  
Give us a call. We're happy to help you out!  
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