

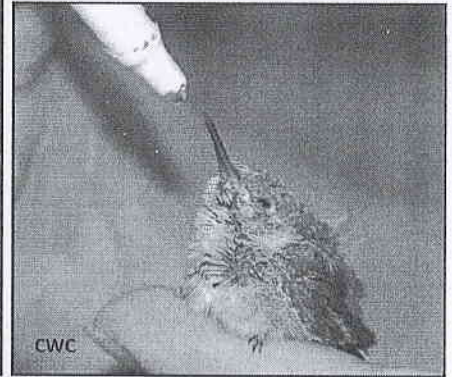
# Found a Fledgling?



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- Fledglings are young birds that are fully feathered and learning to fly.
- If the fledgling has fallen out of nest, the parents will still feed it on the ground while it learns to fly.
- The parents will not feed the bird if people and pets are nearby – so please keep your distance and keep pets leashed or indoors.
- As long as the bird is uninjured, please leave it alone and on the ground.
- Some birds take days, and others weeks, to learn how to fly and forage for food.
- Fledging is a very important learning time for the birds, and “rescuing” them at this time can be incredibly detrimental to their development.



If the fledgling is injured, the parents don't return or you have any questions, call the Cape Wildlife Center.

Remember to wear gloves when handling wildlife and if possible, leave wildlife in the wild where they belong.

Please share this to help us keep birds safe!