

Injured Birds

Birds become injured for many reasons – window collisions, confrontations with animals and vehicles, or illness just to name a few. If you find an injured bird, we suggest the following:

- First, determine if the bird is able to fly. If it is, leave it alone.
- If it appears to be stunned from a collision with a window, assess the area for danger. If you feel the area is unsafe, move it to an area where it can rest and recover.
- Should the bird require more specialized care as a result of a broken wing or other visible injury, place the bird in a small, enclosed box with soft material inside. Do not attempt to feed or give water to an injured bird. Contact Wing Haven (704/331-0664), the SPCA or the Audubon Society for a referral to a licensed rehabilitator.



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Please keep in mind that it is illegal to be in possession of any type of wildlife if you are not a licensed rehabilitator. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the birds in your area, contact Wing Haven for more information.

These tips are the recommendations of Scott Shalaway. To learn more, consult *A Guide to Bird Homes and Building a Backyard Bird Habitat* by Dr. Shalaway.