

During the spring, bad weather or human activities, can damage or destroy bird nests. This displaces baby birds.

When this happens, parent birds WILL remain near the babies for some time, BUT, they will not be able to put their babies back into the nest, NOR repair the nest.

As a kind-hearted human, if you decide to intervene with displaced baby birds, there are a few things you need to know.

Firstly, you need to BE SURE the baby bird is NOT INJURED.

If it is injured, OR you are UNSURE – take THE BABY BIRD directly to a nearby VET, or wildlife facility to get it checked out.

Secondly, make sure that you can provide help quickly, at most, within ONE hour.

Baby birds are VERY FRAGILE and need frequent feeding, WHICH CAN BE as often every couple of mins.

So, IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT that healthy baby birds are back with their parents AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Finally, EVEN if the baby bird, appears to have fallen from a nest, it may not still need one.

If NOT injured, it could just be replaced high up in a tree or bush near where you found it.

For birds that are born with their eyes closed and without feathers, IN the first few weeks of life, a nest is CRITICAL for their survival, while other types of birds, like ducks, never use a nest.

So, if the DISPLACED baby bird is NOT fully feathered and cannot perch or move well, it WILL still need a nest.

Once you are sure that the baby bird is Not injured, actually NEEDS a nest, and, You can help IMMEDIATELY, .....You are ready to start.

Using the original nest to put the baby bird back into, would be the best option, but if it has been destroyed and cannot be repaired, you can consider using an artificial NEST.

Many empty household containers are quite suitable for making an artificial bird nest.

When choosing the container to use, make sure the size fits the type of bird snugly.

Simply wash thoroughly, cut the appropriate section away and paint in a natural looking colour with a non-toxic, quick-drying paint.

Make holes in the bottom for drainage as well as on the sides to allow string or cable ties to be threaded through for attachment

Fill with an outer layer of natural fibres such as, coconut fibres, grass, pine needles or strips of hessian cloth.

Fill the inside with soft material like animal fur or feathers

To encourage the parents back to the nest and baby, place the nest

- Close to where you found it
- As high up as you can

- And as camouflaged as possible

Then all you need to do is wait for the parent birds to return and carry on parenting.

This step is crucial because if the parent birds do not return, the baby bird will not survive.

The length of time to wait will depend on the type, size and stage of the baby bird, but if you have waited an appropriate time, and no parent birds appear,

take the baby bird to a wildlife care facility as quickly as possible.

So now you know how to easily build artificial bird nests and the correct way to help displaced baby birds.

To be prepared for this type of emergency, you may even consider preparing nests in advance.