



Found Orphaned or Injured Baby Wildlife?

If you find sick, injured, or truly orphaned wildlife in Arizona, call Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center at **(480) 433-5656**

Know When to Call for Help

If you're unsure if the baby needs help, ask yourself the following questions.

Is the baby showing signs of physical injury?

Did you find the baby near its deceased parent?

Has the baby been crying and wandering alone for an extended period of time?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, call the SWCC, or your local licensed wildlife rehabber.

Observe from a distance

See if the mother returns within a reasonable timeframe. Some wild mothers can be away for several hours while hunting. Give the mother time to return and care for her young.

Avoid "Kidnapping"

Most wild mothers leave their babies alone for hours while foraging. What looks like abandonment is actually normal parenting! If an animal isn't visibly injured, keep your distance and allow mom to return.

Never Offer Food

Feeding wildlife, no matter how small or seemingly helpless, can forever change an animal's relationship with humans. It's dangerous for both animals and people.

Do not Handle or Move the Animal

Picking up wildlife can put both you and the animal at risk. Wait for the experts!