



CAUTION

FLEDGLING BIRDS IN THE AREA

A fledgling is a young fully-feathered bird that has just started to leave the nest but does not yet have the strength to fly. They are often mistaken for injured adult birds.

A fledgling may stay on the ground for up to two weeks while its parents continue to feed it and teach it all the skills it needs to survive.

This is normal behaviour and there's no need to intervene unless:

- The bird becomes injured
- There is no sign of the bird's parents after several hours
- The bird is in immediate danger

You can help by:

- Keeping dogs on leashes and cats inside
- Keeping children away from the bird
- Giving the birds lots of space
- Don't feed the fledgling
- If the bird is in immediate danger (eg on the road) pick it up and put it in a safer spot in a bush or tree. The parents will not abandon it because you touched it.

If you're concerned or the bird becomes injured, please contact Wildlife Victoria on (03) 8400 7300 for advice.

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