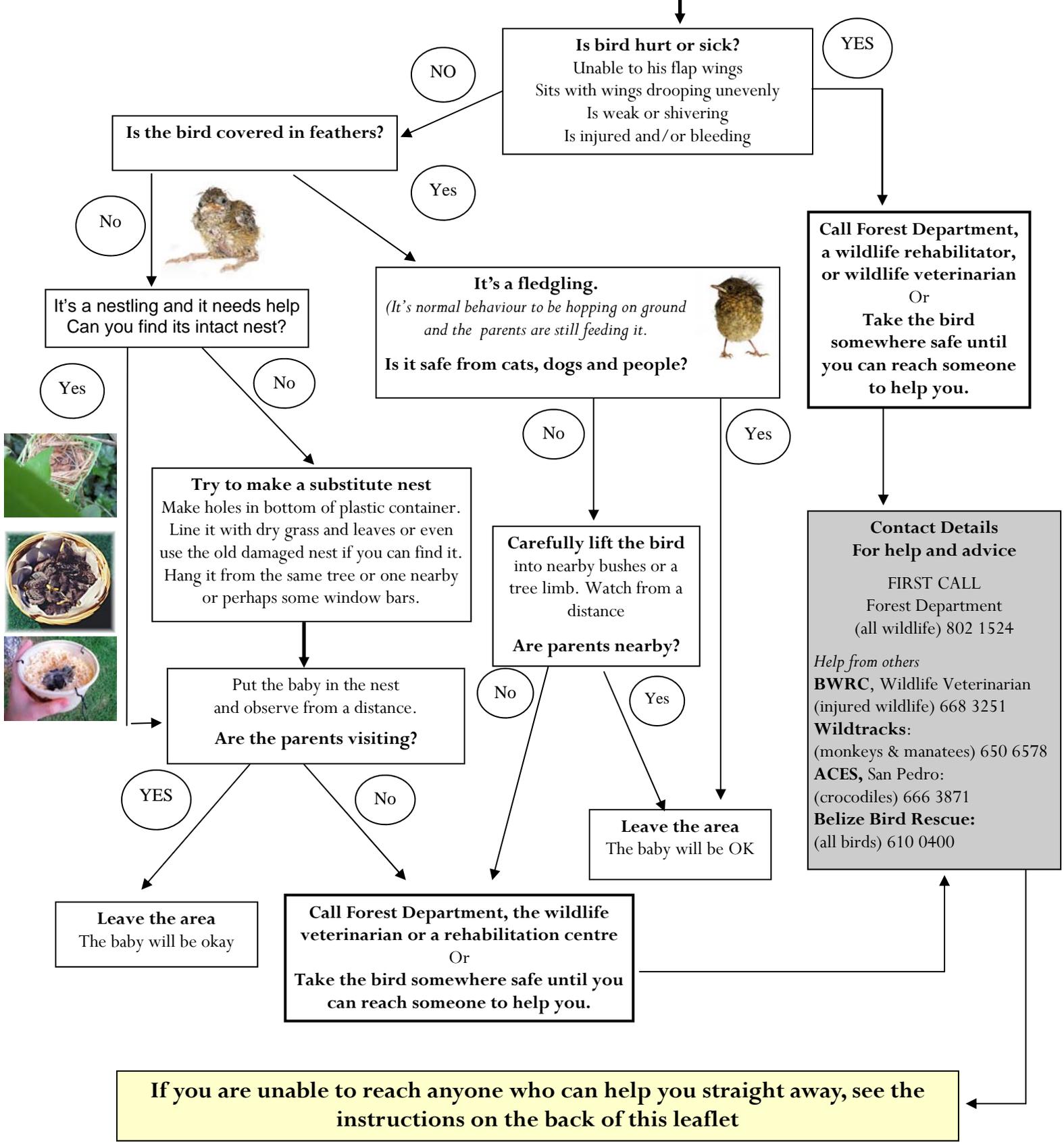




I Found a Baby Bird Now What?

REMEMBER: A baby's best chance for survival is with its mother



If you are unable to reach anyone who can help you straight away, see the instructions on the back of this leaflet

First Aid for Birds & Animals in Trouble

Prepare a container. Line a box with something soft like a towel or some leaves. Cover the top with a towel or the lid so that the bird or animal doesn't jump out.

Make absolutely sure that no other animals can get into the box. If you use a tight fitting lid, make sure that you make holes for air to get in.

Place the bird or animal carefully inside the box

Be careful: Animals and bird have sharp teeth, beaks and claws. They won't know you are trying to help. If you need to pick an animal up, use gloves or a thick towel. Always get an adult to help.

Keep it warm: one of the biggest dangers, especially for babies, is the cold.

Put the box somewhere warm (but not too hot like in direct sunshine).

Put the box in a warm, dark, quiet place.

Don't try to give food or water. Don't handle it or bother it: the stress could kill it.

Keep small children and pets away.

Leave it quietly alone until you can find help.

Wash your hands! Wild birds and animals carry many diseases.

Contact one of the following as soon as possible:

Belize Forest Department: 802 1524

Belize Wildlife & Referral Clinic: 668 3251

Belize Bird Rescue: 822 1145 / 610 0400

Please don't be tempted to try and raise the bird or animal by yourself. It's a very tricky job, even for the experts.

Remember, not only is it illegal to keep a wild bird or animal captive, they actually make terrible pets and often die very young due to stress and bad diet.

Help Belize's Wildlife by Keeping Them Wild!

Remember! It's against the law to keep wild animals captive without a special permit from the Forest Department. Even if you eventually intend to release them