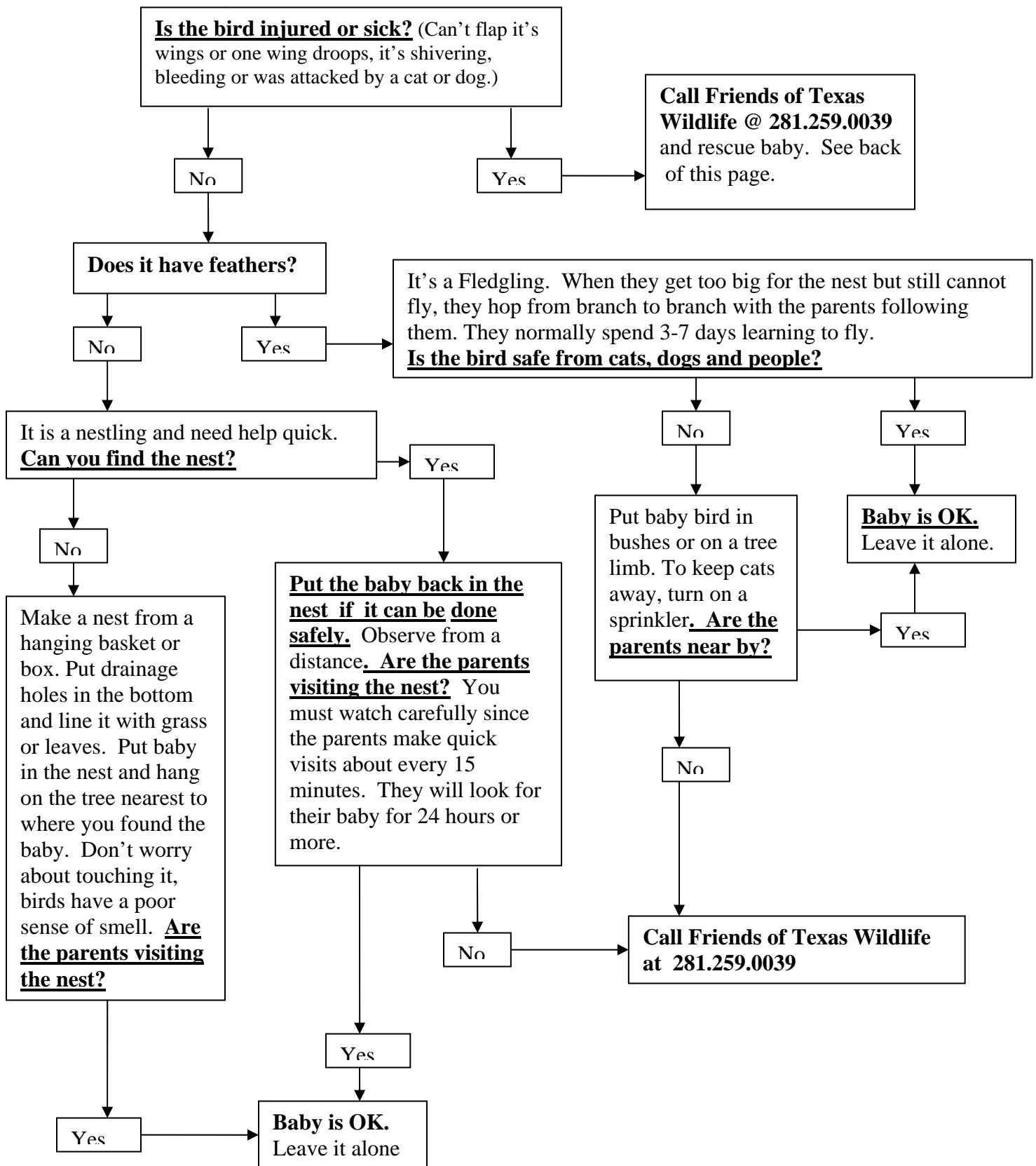


I FOUND A BABY BIRD! WHAT DO I DO NOW?



HOW TO HELP A BABY OR INJURED BIRD

Call **FRIENDS OF TEXAS WILDLIFE (281.259.0039)** as soon as possible so the bird can be given to a permitted rehabilitator.

Nearly all **BIRDS** are protected by State and Federal laws.

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW to have in your possession the bird, nests, feathers, or eggs without special permits.

- 1. ONLY ADULTS** should rescue a hurt or orphaned bird. Call **FRIENDS OF TEXAS WILDLIFE(281.259.0039)** before trying to rescue an adult bird. Adult birds have sharp talons and/or sharp beaks, and wings that they will use to protect themselves even when they are injured. Wear gloves if possible when handling an adult bird and use a towel to gently throw over it or use a broom to gently move the bird into a box.
- 2. KEEP THE BABY OR INJURED BIRD WARM** and in a dark and quiet place. Place tissue, paper towels, or T-shirt (**NO TERRY CLOTH** as their nails might become entangled in the loops) in a box with a lid or a pet kennel and put the bird in it. **DO NOT PUT ANY WILD BIRD IN A WIRE CAGE.** Damage to the feathers can occur if the bird flaps its wings and gets its feathers stuck in the bars. Keep the bird away from noises, children, pets, and out of drafts. To keep an injured or baby bird warm, put the container half on and half off a heating pad set on **LOW**. You can also heat a damp washcloth in an unsealed zip lock bag for 30-40 seconds in the microwave. Seal the bag and place under the container.
- 3. PLEASE DO NOT GIVE THE BIRD ANY FOOD OR WATER!!!** Water can easily go “down the wrong way” into the lungs and kill the bird. Each species of bird has its own special diet and feeding it the wrong thing can kill it.
- 4. WASH YOUR HANDS AFTER CONTACT WITH THE BIRD,** and wash everything that it came in contact with – towels, gloves, pet kennels. Birds are capable of carrying diseases or parasites that could be transmitted to you or your pet.
- 5. GET THE BIRD TO A WILDLIFE REHABILITATOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

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