

Many baby raptors can still be cared for by mom, even those on the ground.

White and fluffy
Nestling



Still mostly fluff
Nestling/Brancher



Very little to no fuzz left
Short tail
Fledgling



Not sure if the baby belongs on the ground or in a nest? Here is how to tell with raptors.

All of this presumes no injuries and parents nearby

Nestlings:

A baby raptor that is totally white and fuzzy belongs in a nest. If found on the ground, they should be put back in the nest, or have a new nest made for them if the nest cannot be used.

Fledglings:

This bird will be fully feathered with possible little bits of fuzz still showing on the head, but most adult feathers are in. Their tails will be shorter than an adult. If found on the ground, please leave it there, mom and dad are teaching them to fly.

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