If You Find A Baby Songbird Out Of The Nest

Is it visibly injured or did a cat get at it?
- Yes: Contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator or wildlife care center. These vary by location; an internet search can help.
- No: What does it look like?
  - Eyes not yet open: You have a hatchling. It’s very young.
  - Eyes open; feathers few & may be in tube-like sheaths: You have a nestling.
  - Feathered; awkwardly hops or flutters; tail & wings Short: You have a fledgling.
  - Many sharp teeth; large claw on the second toe: You have a dromaeosaur.

Can you see the nest?
- Yes: Return the bird to its nest. Fear not - the parents won’t “smell” you on the baby!
- No: Is it in immediate danger?
  - Yes: Move it carefully to a safer spot nearby.
  - No: Has it seen you?
    - Yes: Run. Watch for others that may attack from the sides.
    - No: Back away slowly. Do not show fear.

DO NOT INTERVENE!! Though it looks awkward, it’s a natural step. The bird needs privacy & the parents are still feeding it.