

If you need to bring an injured or orphaned bird to a rehabilitator

1. **Prepare a container.** A shoebox with air holes in the lid, lined with a small towel, works for most songbirds

2. **Protect yourself.** Even sick birds may try to protect themselves with their beaks or talons. Wear gloves if possible. Birds may have parasites or carry disease. Wash your hands after handling.

3. **Put the bird in the box.** Cover the bird with a light cloth and gently put it in the shoebox.

4. **Keep it warm.** If the bird is cold, put one end of the shoebox on a heating pad set on low.

5. **If you can't transport it immediately:**

- Keep the bird in a warm, dark, quiet place
- Do not give it food or water
- Do not handle it.
- Keep children and pets away from it

6. **Transport the bird to a rehabilitator.** Keep it in the shoebox, keep the car quiet (radio off, etc)