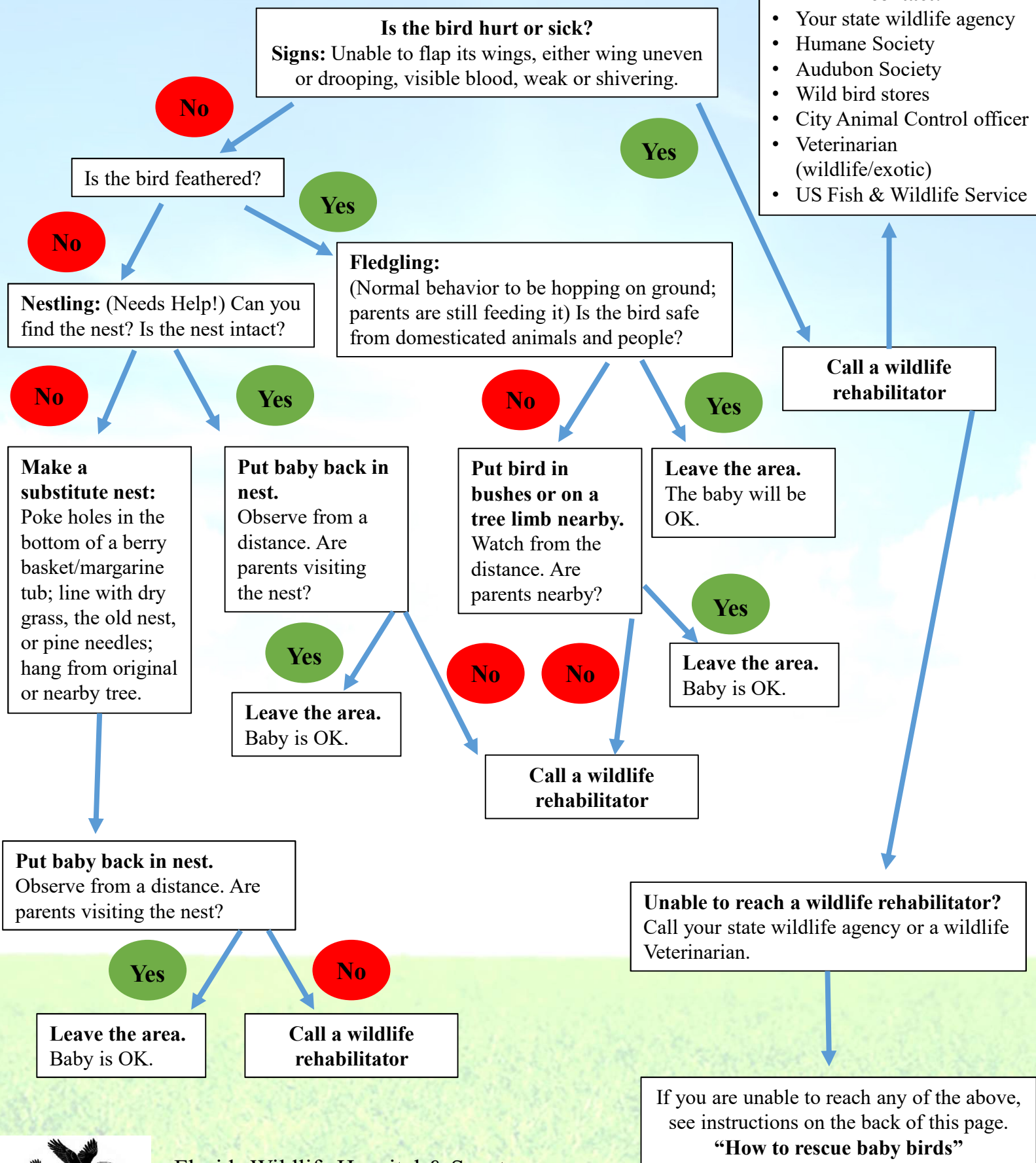


What to Do if you Find a Baby Bird:



- To find a wildlife rehabilitator in your area, contact:**
- Your state wildlife agency
 - Humane Society
 - Audubon Society
 - Wild bird stores
 - City Animal Control officer
 - Veterinarian (wildlife/exotic)
 - US Fish & Wildlife Service



Florida Wildlife Hospital & Sanctuary
 4560 North U.S. Highway 1
 Palm Shores, FL 32935
 Phone: (321) 254-8843

***A baby's best chance for survival is its mother!**

How to Rescue a Baby Bird:

- 1. Prepare a container.** Place a clean, soft cloth with no strings or loops on the bottom of a cardboard box or cat/dog carrier with a lid. If it doesn't have air holes, make them. For smaller birds, you can use a paper sack with air holes.
- 2. Protect yourself.** Wear gloves, if possible. Some birds may stab with their beaks, slice with their talons and slap with their wings, to protect themselves, even if sick; birds commonly have parasites and carry diseases.
- 3. Cover the bird with a light sheet or towel.**
- 4. Gently pick up the bird and put it in the prepared container.**
- 5. Warm the animal if it's cold out or if the animal is chilled.** Fill a sock, with no holes, $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way full. Tie a knot at the end of the sock. Place the rice sock in the microwave for one minute on high. This should keep the animal warm until you are able to get it to a hospital/rehabilitator.
- 6. Tape the box shut or roll the top of the paper bag closed.**
- 7. Note exactly where you found the bird. This will be very important for release.**
- 8. Keep the bird in a warm, dark, quiet place.**
 - Do not give the bird food or water!
 - Leave the bird alone; don't handle or bother it.
 - Keep children and pets away.
- 9. Contact the Florida Wildlife Hospital, a licensed wildlife rehabilitator, state wildlife agency, or wildlife veterinarian as soon as possible.** Don't keep the animal at your home longer than necessary. Keep the animal in a container; don't let it loose in your house or car.
- 10. Wash your hands after contact with the bird.** Wash anything the bird has come into contact with. Do this to prevent the spread of diseases and/or parasites to you or your pets.
- 11. Get the bird to a wildlife rehabilitator as soon as possible.**