

# So you've found a baby Gull...

## What does it look like?



**Nestling** – We usually find these on the ground following bad weather. If they are not injured they can go back onto the roof space. The best option is to open a top window and use a net to place the chick back on the roof.

Beware parent birds can be protective! They can go back even after 24 hrs. IF any issues please speak to a wildlife rescue before removing it.

**Young Nestling** – We usually find these on the ground following bad weather or wandering too close to the edge of the roof. The best thing for birds of this size is to put them back on the roof,. They are normally be accepted back without issue, although there can be alot of screaming!

IF any issues, please speak to a wildlife rescue before removing.



**Juvenile** – Unless injured, or in immediate danger, these birds can be usually be left. Often the parent bird will still be feeding them. You can often see them hanging round an adult gull “squeaking” or “whistling” at them, These birds often ground themselves several times before taking to flight properly. NOTE: it can take a few days for them to be able to fly from the ground. If you have a shed or conservatory, consider placing them on there.

**Young Adult** – These birds tend to come in around the start of breeding season, although not full adult birds, they are starting to show adult behaviour. Usually this means chasing and diving, sadly most of these birds tend to fracture wings or legs and require treatment . Please contact a Wildlife rescue for advice. ANY BLEEDING, please call a vet



**Adult** – If you are able to pick up an adult gull, there is usually something wrong with it. Common problems are illness Botulism. This is a rare and potentially fatal illness caused by a toxin produced by a bacteria. They can pick it up from human food which has been discarded. Symptoms can include, lethargy/weakness and dehydration. They can often pass green poo! Other issues these birds can have include, fractures and fishing wire sticking out of their beaks. This is usually attached to a fishing hook though so please refrain from pulling it! Please contact a wildlife rescue for advice.