Found a Bird?
before you pick it up, please read carefully

START

Does it have feathers?

YES

Does it have webbed feet?

YES

Is it a duck?

NO

It is likely a hatchling.

CAN YOU SEE THE NEST?

YES

Return the bird safely back to the nest. The parents won’t be able to ‘smell’ you.

NO

Make a nest out of a cardboard box, lined with dried grass and leaves. Secure it to a nearby tree and place the bird inside. Do not take the bird home.

Is it small, black with pointy wings?

NO

It is likely a swift.

NO

Is it larger than 10cm?

NO

It’s a sparrow fledgling.

YES

They don’t fly well at this stage, and still require parental care. If it’s in danger of cats or cars, then move it to a safe place nearby. If not, it’s best to leave the bird alone.

NO

Is it a pigeon?

YES

It’s a racing pigeon. Please read the 2-digit number on the leg ring which denotes the pigeon club number Go to http://maltafederationofracingpigeons.com/#/clubs and contact the responsible club directly.

NO

Is it injured?

YES

Call Animal Welfare, 1717.

NO

Is it a seabird?

YES

Please take the bird to the attention of a vet.

Emergency vet: +356 52502000

NO

Is it a pigeon?

YES

Young pigeons still rely on their parents for food. It is best for the bird to be left alone.

NO

Is it injured?

NO

Does it have a ring?

NO

It is likely a swift.

YES

Take a photo and call BirdLife Malta

+356 21347645

or

+356 79255697