

Respect baby wildlife during Spring, Summer

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As the Oregon Coast welcomes the vibrant return of spring and summer, the Wildlife Center of the North Coast is highlighting the importance of respecting and protecting baby wildlife, particularly birds, during this critical period.

From April to September, the region experiences a surge in wildlife births, often referred to as "baby season," which brings both joy and challenges for local wildlife.

During this time, many young animals, including birds, are vulnerable to human interference. It is crucial for the community to understand that finding a baby animal alone does not necessarily mean it is orphaned. In fact, many species, such as birds and mammals, often leave their young temporarily for safety or to forage for food, returning when it is safe to do so.

Wildlife Center of the North Coast encourages residents and visitors to respect wildlife by following these guidelines:

Leave Them Alone: Unless an animal is clearly injured or in distress, it is best to leave it where you find it. This includes baby birds that may have fallen from nests but are not injured.

Support Conservation Efforts: Help protect endangered species like the Western Snowy Plover by respecting nesting areas and following guidelines set by local conservation agencies.

Educate Yourself: Learn about local wildlife and their needs during this sensitive period.

Understanding bird migration patterns and nesting habits can help minimize human impact.

WCNC has been dedicated to promoting compassion, empathy, and respect for all life since 1997 by providing wildlife rehabilitation and environmental education in our community.

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