

Native Bird Connections

The Music Box

Young birds must learn their song by listening to adults. The critical period for learning their song is from 7–60 days old. At 7 days old; the bird, is a nestling, at 14 days old; a fledgling. From 14 to 60 days old they go from fledglings to branchers to juveniles. Fledglings and branches spend time on the ground.

What can you do to keep a bird with his/her parents?

- Get assistance, if the bird is badly injured
- Make a cardboard *Music Box*
- Put the bird in a bush
- Keep cats inside
- Let the parents do their job
- Find out how to observe young birds



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Directions:

Find a cardboard box. Punch two holes on Each end and run a cord through the holes. The box should be at least 8 inches deep. The young bird will have to work hard to reach the top of the box. This practice will build muscle and make flying easier.

