

# House Sparrow & European Starling Babies, Identification sheet

Question on species identification,

- Please text the image, your name or agency and brief explanation on the situation to **908-581-8896 (The Raptor Trust Cell)**
- If you don't hear back from us within 20 minutes then call our main # 908-647-2353 ext. 1
- Please remember all baby birds can look similar so photos with a size marker are encouraged
- Please use this resource to help identify House Sparrow & European Starling babies

## House (English) Sparrow



### Hatchling

- No feathers, completely naked
- Can be less than 1" long,
- Naked Pink Skin
- Sometimes have a black streak down their spine & wings



### Nestling

- Yellow or cream color Flange
- Brown pin feathers
- Some pink skin visible
- Naked bellies showing



### Fledgling

- Yellow Flange starting to turn
- Brown feathers, fully in
- Can still be squatty
- Short brown tail

## European Starling



### Hatchling

- Bright yellow flanges
- Pink Skin under the light grey down



### Nestling

- Bright yellow flanges
- Dark grey pin feathers
- Grey down



### **Fledgling**

- Beak is longer & narrow, cream color mouth corners
- Downy tufts that look like eyebrows
- Dark grey feathers, short tail
- Long legs

**Remember Warm, Dark and Quiet!**

### **Equipment to have available at all times:**

#### Capture equipment:

Capture Pole (Capture net for birds)

Good commercial net

Thick gloves

Disposable examination gloves, for safe handling

(can also be used as a heat source if filled with warm water & tied off at the end)

Cardboard carrier

Collapsed fiberglass sky crate

Towels (for picking up animals & for covering crates)

Newspaper

Eye Protective glasses

#### Emergency Feeding/Medical Supplies:

Pedialyte or rehydration fluids (for birds Normasol or Lactated Ringers)

Dry dog food (for birds soak dry dog food in H<sub>2</sub>O)

Capstar (both dosing for large and small dogs) for use with maggots

(Please Do Not Treat Birds! ONLY use Capstar drench 1 Tab crushed in 10cc warm water)