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Bird Rescue Jumps Into Action in Oakland – Rescuing Baby Birds from Fallen Tree

What: Ongoing rescue of baby birds from fallen tree, rescuers on site

When: NOW, Thursday, July 11, 2018

Where: Downtown Oakland, 13th & Jackson streets (in front of Post Office)

Oakland, CA – Disaster struck a large heron and egret rookery in Oakland, CA this week as a large ficus tree split and partially toppled on Wednesday, sending dozens of baby birds tumbling to the ground.

A concerned citizen saw these birds in crisis and immediately called our San Francisco Bay-Delta wildlife center to come to the rescue. Our team was on the scene right away at Jackson at 13th Streets and began collecting the surviving birds to take into care.



Meanwhile, clinic staff and volunteers worked late into Wednesday evening to prepare enclosures for the incoming patients and take care of their immediate needs as they arrived. Sixteen birds were admitted, including Snowy Egrets and Black-crowned Night-Herons, some just days old and in need of intensive care in a warm incubator.

Today a Bird Rescue Team is on site rescuing more birds. JD Bergeron, Executive Director of International Bird Rescue is one of the rescuers and also available for media interviews.

This year in May, local school kids urged and won a petition to have the Oakland City Council declare the Black-crowned Night-Herons the official bird of Oakland. [Read more](#)

About International Bird Rescue: In 1971 after 800,000 gallons of crude oil spilled into the bay, concerned individuals led by a registered nurse named Alice Berkner jumped into action, bringing International Bird Rescue to life. We have always had to pave a road where there is none. Staff and volunteers work with tenacity alongside clients, partners, and the public to find solutions. Today, we research best practices at our crisis response hospitals in California and Alaska and share them worldwide. Our mission is to inspire people to act toward balance with the natural world by rescuing waterbirds in crisis. We dream of a world in which every person, every day, takes action to protect the natural home of wildlife and ourselves.

Learn more at <https://www.bird-rescue.org/>

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