



## Wild Bird Rescue 101

This course covers the basics of how to rescue a sick or injured wild bird. Whilst focused on wild birds, the information will also help you to support a sick pet or aviary bird. It is designed for any person that wants to know how to support a bird, administer first aid and greatly improve its chances of survival until you can take it to a wildlife carer or veterinarian. It will also give you a good grounding in basic avian skills if you wish to become a wildlife carer or are a vet nurse with an interest in birds. This course can be a stand alone course, or used for practical experience following completion of the online course "Wild Bird Rescue 101".

## **Topics Covered**

The morning session consists of seminars and activities that will cover these topics:

- Does the bird need rescuing?
- Human Health and Safety
- How to catch a wild injured/ sick bird
- How to safely handle a bird
- Equipment needed for handling and transportation
- Transport considerations
- First Aid
- Supportive care for the first hours including feeding and fluids
- Next steps for care of a wild bird
- Case Studies
- Legal considerations
- Help, advice and resources

## **Practical Workshop**

Much of the workshop consists of teaching core techniques needed for the supportive care of sick or injured wild (or pet) birds. You will learn about the equipment needed and have a chance to practice the following techniques under supervision:

- Bird handling techniques
- Physical assessment
- Crop tubing techniques
- Bandaging techniques for broken wings or legs

Note: These sessions will include demonstrations and a chance to practice the techniques on NON-live birds. Please wear closed-toed shoes and appropriate clothing. Other protective gear is provided.

Note: This workshop is not suitable for children: R16.

For any further information, please contact us.