## DNR offers advice when finding orphaned wildlife

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But she's not out of the picture.
Because she has received so many
phone calls from anxious residents
who are confuented with orphonical
list of tips to let you know when you
het re long your distance.

In general, if the animal shows
the following signs in ascending order of irritation, you are in the "disturbance range" and should site quiety or showly back away, themeloe
that bimoculars can bridge the disance between the two of you without unnerving the unimal:

• Birds: head, raised looking at
you; skittishness; excessive preening, bill whing or pecking or food;
ularm calls, repeated chirping, the
traction display like dragging it buck
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Mammals: head raised, cars
swiveled toward you; skittishness;

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moving away or lowering its head with ours back in preparation for a charge — hoirs on its neck-and simulters may stand up; fagressive behavior by showing teeth, charg-ing, snorting or slapping the ground with its paw.

• Reptiles: hissing or rattling; taking death analyst raise their up-

playing dead; snakes raise their up-per body and open their mouths;

paging tead, some constraints per holy and poin their mouths, striking.

Here's some more withfile this from Cornell:

• Tiptoe around purseriest Nesting animals are especially consitive of disturbance. As you are watching the nest, parents may be hanging back, while legis chill or nestlings become dangerously hungry. Buly

hirds, for example, are fed every half-hour by their parents. If disturbed office grounds, parents may aloundon the nest or young animals may leave before they are ready to fred for themselves.

• Turn rocks and logs back overwhen uncovering reptiles, and ampithians, bee sure to replace the debrie you turn over.

• Motoribouts near shore: speeding bioats, near shore can frighten wildlife and cause serious evotion on shore. Bout wakes are tidal waves to breeding smakes, turtles, schamanders, frogs, emerging hiberitatus; and wading sharehinds.

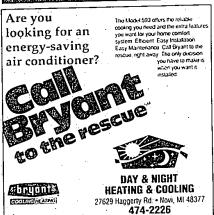
• Don't tenny wildlife with foodboars and other so-called dangerous animals are rarely interested in fighting with you, but they are interested in fying food into your tern with you. Before going to lied, the it up hetween two trees, well out of animals reach. Making wildlife dependent on hundouts does them no favors, and may lead to their untimely death. The next person they approach may have a sign instead of a piece of bread.

• Don't hen here: at some time you may come between a mother and let, young, or hungry animal and its dinner. Don't run and don't store differetly at the animal. This can be interpreted as aggression on your part, tustend, next your year and tack mway slowly."



Offering advice: Beu Farmington Hills wildlife rehabilitator who has now work to caring for aban-doned baby rabbits, sug-gests you call the state Department of Natural Rewhen you orplianed or wildlife.

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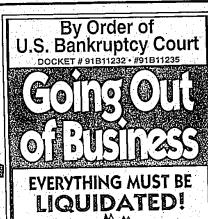
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