

# News from Nan

## NEWS 'N' VIEWS

# BABY BIRDS

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*Baby birds*

We always enjoy the many birds that hang around our patio in the nearby trees and bushes.

This spring we were hoping for a repeat of the duck pair, nest, and mother-and-babies'-bolt-for-the-lake that we enjoyed last year. Unfortunately that was not to be, even though we put out our special duck house that the Livengoods gave us at Christmas.

However, we enjoyed another special bird treat that Mother Nature provided for our entertainment in the 2015 spring nesting season.

As I was cleaning up the pine needles that had accumulated around our front-door bushes, I pulled out what I thought was a random clump of needles, but what turned out to be — alas — a nest full of baby birds! I'll never forget the wide-eyed stare I got from those tiny bits of fluff! I was sure they would be

done for, but I carefully put them back where I had found them and prayed that their mother would take over from there.

Luckily in a few days the babies had already grown out of their nest and appeared nearby on the ground, screaming for the food that was being supplied by their harried parents. What a relief, and what fun to watch them from our office window until they flew away.

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