Wildcare have birds come into care that range from tiny, days old chicks that might weigh 9gms to adult 5kg wedge tailed eagles.

The time commitment varies just as much. The younger the bird the more time is needed to feed it. You may be required to hand feed for 1 minute every hour to as little as 5 minutes once day.

All birds need some sun every day so you will need a safe and part shady place outside. Some birds will need a heat source at night.

Baby birds need a nest in very little space. Juveniles and adults require enough aviary space to develop strong flight muscles, and skills to find their own food. Larger birds are kept at AZRI which is a 10 minute drive away

Some birds have some ugly eating habits. Some require bugs that are kept in the fridge, they are smoushed (this is a technical word that means knock it on the head to 1- slow it down and 2- stop it from eating its way out of the young birds) before feeding to baby birds. Some birds need adult or pinkie mice that are kept in the freezer. Sometimes it is necessary to cut the mice before feeding. Other birds are nectar or seed eaters which is much neater.

Carers for birds cannot have a cat unless the cat is always inside and the birds are always outside. Birds must also be away from dogs.

Wildcare are committed to release and bird survival. We do not release unless we are 95% sure that the bird will make it. This is very difficult at times. Release can be at the carers home for some birds, others need to be taken to their pickup site and others need to be relocated to suitable places.

You do not need to have the birds from the beginning of care to the release. We can swap and change carers to suit time commitment and available aviary space.

You will need to be a registered Wildcare member (membership currently $50 per year, individual; $70 per year, family) and have a wildlife permit available free from