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South Oakleigh Wildlife Shelter urges people to stop picking up baby magpies

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Michele Phillips from Oakleigh South Wildlife Shelter is urging people not to pick up baby magpies. Picture: Mark Wilson.

BABY magpies should be left alone — that's the message from wildlife rescuer Michele Phillips.

The [South Oakleigh Wildlife Shelter](#) has been inundated with baby magpies as people pick up the young birds.

More than 20 young magpies have been brought into Ms Phillips' care, after residents have thought them to be left alone and unable to survive.

But Ms Phillips said the adult birds were carefully watching their young learn to forage for food nearby.

"Residents need to stop picking up magpies and they need to leave them on the ground," she said.

"The birds are learning to forage and develop the skills needed later in life and they should be left alone.