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you have already rescued the birds and need a place to take them, AFA will help you locate places to house the birds.

Have as many carriers as your vehicle will hold, or look for carriers on the premises. You may need a chainsaw, wire cutters and other tools. Look for a disaster plan on the premises. If carriers are not available, crates, plastic storage boxes with ventilation holes and cardboard boxes can be used. Even paper bags may be used for the small birds.

Have bird nets and towels that may be needed for catching the birds. In your disaster planning meetings prior to the emergency, learn how to catch a wild bird. You may be able to get this training from members of local AFA bird clubs.

Try to identify pairs so they can be repaired after they are relocated. Use markers to annotate crates or carriers with locations etc. Do not remove any leg bands.

If you are unable to locate food and supplies for the birds, contact AFA for assistance. After evacuation, try to locate the birds’ owners and tell them where each of the birds has been relocated.

The American Federation of Aviculture, on behalf of the bird owners, appreciates any help you can give to successfully rescue birds and return them to their owners.

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