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"Avian Escapees and Budgie Snugglers"

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Late one evening soon after I had arrived in Australia for a sabbatical, I was out strolling with my daughter through a Sydney park, seeking relief from the summer humidity, when something

yellow on the ground caught my eye. We stopped to take a look. It was a bird. Small, disheveled, its feathers neon bright in the glare of a nearby lamppost, the creature appeared out of place. It was vaguely pecking at the grass, but when it pitched forward clumsily, it was clear it needed help. My daughter and I debated what to do. Should we capture it? How? Even if we could, what would we do with it? Other people walked past, deep in conversation, unaware of the drama unfolding inches from their feet. Lacking my glasses, I tapped "lostt brid rexsue?" into my phone's search app and snapped a location photo just as the bird abruptly rose and flapped unsteadily into a tree, high out of reach. (From the article)

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