



## LANE COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY

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Hundreds of millions of birds die each year in the United States as a result of colliding with windows.

### Lights Out Campaign:

Migratory songbirds are attracted by lights, and are killed by colliding with lighted buildings at night. Deaths are most common during migration: fall (Aug 15-Oct 31) and spring (March 15-May 31.)

What you can do:

- Turn off the lights and pull down the blinds or close the curtains in homes, apartments and office buildings.
- Examine the placement of lights around your homes and work places. Retain lights for safety purposes but remove others. Eliminate decorative illumination, flood lights, and other lights that are not directed downwards.
- Spread this information by telling your neighbors, co-workers and building managers.
- For more information: <http://www.flap.org/>

### Reducing Strikes on Windows: (See: <http://www.windowcollisions.info/>)

Birds are not able to perceive clear or reflective glass as a barrier to be avoided. They proceed as if they can fly through and suffer injury, usually fatal, when they strike the hard glass.

What you can do:

- Assess your home from a bird's perspective. Examine which windows reflect trees and sky.
- Close blinds and curtains. Awnings and overhangs help.
- Move indoor plants away from windows so birds do not mistake them for habitat.
- Mylar tape, colorful streamers, wind socks, and other items that hang in front of the window may deter birds. Hanging objects work best if they move around. Use tempera paint in dense patterns.
- Densely placed patterns of tape or decals may be successful deterrents. Decals that reflect UV light are particularly effective. Most sources recommend spacing decals not more than 4" apart.
- Stretch netting over the window. For information on bird screens, see [www.birdscreen.com](http://www.birdscreen.com)
- Place bird feeders either within 3 feet of a window or farther than 30 feet away. At close distances, birds usually cannot gather enough speed for a fatal strike.
- For new construction or when replacing windows: Use ribbed, etched, colored, frosted, stippled or fritted glass, windows with patterns, or lattice windows. Tilt glass panels down at an angle of 20 degrees or more to reflect ground instead of sky.
- For more information: <http://www.abcbirds.org/conservationissues/threats/buildings.html>