

Why don't those hawk silhouettes work?

—Birds see the shapes as obstacles, but don't identify them specifically as predators. Best practice, based on the size of a songbird, is to use a 2x4 rule. When visual cues are placed every 4 inches horizontally and every 2 inches vertically, the bird will not try to fly through.

What about bird feeders? Do they attract birds to my windows?

—The best location for birdfeeders is less than 10 feet from a window. The bird will land on feeders instead of flying into the window. When they take off, they won't have enough distance to gather the speed necessary to hit the window hard enough to result in mortality.

How can I learn more and find bird safe products?

birdsmartglass.org

birdsavers.com

collidescape.org



www.safeskiesmaryland.org

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Bird Safe Windows: A Homeowner's Guide



Up to one billion birds are lost to window collisions in North America every year
Almost half hit home windows. You can make a difference with these do-it-yourself options.

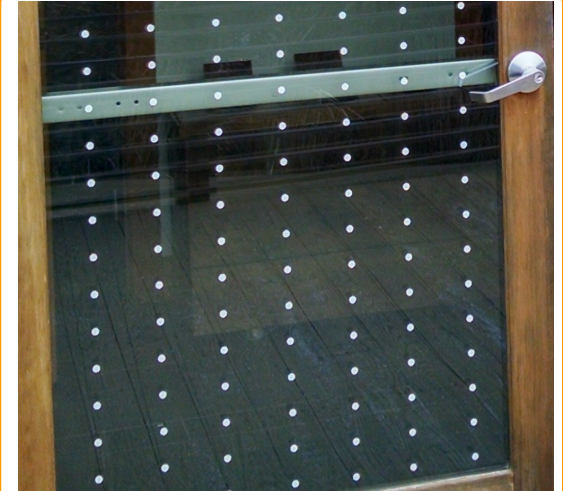


Acopian Bird Savers—Outside View

Made from inexpensive paracord found at hardware and craft stores.



ABC Bird Tape—abcbirdtape.com



CollidEscape dots pattern—collidescape.org



Acopian Bird Savers—Inside View

DIY instructions birdsavers.com



Chalk Marker Drawings—wet-erasable markers available in craft stores.

Features you may already have in your home that protect birds:

- Insect screens
- Vertical blinds when drawn across window and left in the open position can make a pattern visible to birds.
- Outdoor shades, canopies, or overhangs