

Present Survey Form

In order to obtain an accurate estimate of the number of window-bird collisions occurring at homes, and to learn more about factors influencing the frequency of collisions, we are asking all participants to search for dead birds around their yards one day a week for four consecutive weeks.

Protocol for the Present Survey

- To participate in the present survey, please follow the easy steps below and fill out the associated forms

Supplies needed

- Gloves (i.e., leather, rubber) for searching through vegetation
- Pencil or pen
- Present survey form
- Field guide to birds (optional)

Procedure

- On the same day each week for four consecutive weeks, search the perimeter of your home for bird carcasses that may be a result of a window-bird collision.
- The perimeter should be 10 feet from the home. Searches should look for birds on the ground, and in and around the vegetation within 10 feet of the home.
- As you search the perimeter of your home, use a pace of one step every second.
- After searching around the home once, reverse your direction and walk around your home a second time.

Present Survey Results

Dates you searched for dead birds: _____

During your four weeks of searches, record how often you observed each of the following bird predators/scavengers within 100 ft. of the home.

Raptors (Hawks, eagles)	<input type="checkbox"/> Daily	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Yearly	<input type="checkbox"/> Never
Cats	<input type="checkbox"/> Daily	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Yearly	<input type="checkbox"/> Never
Dogs	<input type="checkbox"/> Daily	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Yearly	<input type="checkbox"/> Never
Other mammals (i.e., Raccoons, skunk, opossum)	<input type="checkbox"/> Daily	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Yearly	<input type="checkbox"/> Never

Did you find any dead birds? Yes _____ No _____

If you did not find any dead birds - You have completed PROJECT PREVENT COLLISION! Please mail all of your information to the address listed at the beginning of the packet. Thank you for your participation and visit the PROJECT PREVENT COLLISION website often (www.wildbird.com/content/project_prevent_collision). Updates of the results from PROJECT PREVENT COLLISION will be posted frequently.

If you found one or more dead birds, please record the following information on a separate sheet for each dead bird found. (i.e., if you found more than 1 dead bird, please print out additional copies of this page and the next two pages)

BIRD NUMBER: _____

Date dead bird was found: _____

If known, what species of bird collided with the window? _____

If known, what sex is the bird? Male _____ Female _____

If known, what age is the bird? Juvenile _____ Adult _____

LOCATION

- 1st story
- 2nd story
- 3rd story
- >3rd

DIRECTION WINDOW FACES

- North
- South
- East
- West

SIZE OF WINDOW

- Small window (< 9 ft²)
- Medium window (9 - 49 ft²)
- Large window (> 49 ft²)

WINDOW FEATURES

- Interior plant visible through window Yes No
- Interior lights visible at night Yes No
- Interior of room painted with dark color Yes No
- Shades, drapes, or blinds drawn during day Yes No
- Decals on windows (i.e., hawk silhouettes) Yes No
- Tinted Yes No
- Screen Yes No
- Exterior decorations (i.e., wind chimes) Yes No
- Can birds see through to another window from the window the birds collided with? Yes No
- Does the window present a reflection of the facing habitat and sky Yes No

LANDSCAPE FEATURES – State whether each feature was in view of the window, and within 100 feet

Bird feeder Yes No

If yes, how many feet away is the nearest feeder from the window: _____

Bird bath Yes No

If yes, how many feet away is the nearest bath from the window: _____

Bird house Yes No

If yes, how many feet away is the nearest bird house from the window: _____

LANDSCAPE FEATURES (cont.)

Tree or shrub > 5 feet tall Yes No

If yes, how many feet away is the nearest branch from the window: _____

Exterior light left on all night Yes No

If yes, how many feet away is the nearest light from the window: _____

Please comment on other features of this window, surrounding landscape, or weather conditions, you feel are important in contributing to the collisions at this window:

Do you know specifically when the collision occurred? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please answer the following questions.

During what time of the day did the window-bird collisions occur at this window?

- 6:00 AM – 9:00 AM
- 9:01 AM – 12:00 PM
- 12:01 PM – 3:00 PM
- 3:01 PM – 6:00 PM
- 6:01 PM – 9:00 PM
- Other

Record temperature at the time of collision:

- > 0° F
- 1° - 32° F
- 33° - 64° F
- 65° - 96° F
- > 96° F

Record cloud cover at the time of collision:

- 0 - 25%
- 26 - 50%
- 51 - 75%
- 76 - 100%

Record precipitation at the time of collision:

- None
- Light rain (drizzle)
- Moderate rain
- Heavy rain (thunderstorm)
- Freezing rain/sleet/hail
- Light snow (flurries)
- Moderate snow
- Heavy snow (> 1 inch per hour)

Snow cover and depth at the time of collision:

- None
- Snow present and covering < 50% of yard
- Snow present and covering 51 - 90% of yard
- Snow present, covering > 90% of yard, with a depth < 2 inches
- Snow present, covering > 90% of yard, with a depth 2 - 4 inches
- Snow present, covering > 90% of yard, with a depth of > 4 inches

Was the sun shining on the window involved in the collision?

- Yes
- No
- I do not know

Was a predator or other disturbance present at the time of the collision? If so, what kind?

- Cat
- Dog
- Corvid (Crow, Jay)
- Raptor (Eagles, Hawks)
- Loud noise
- Other _____

At the time of collision, could birds see through to another window from the window the birds collided with?

- Yes No

At the time of collision, does the window present a reflection of the facing habitat and sky?

- Yes No

Comments

- Please share any other information you feel is pertinent in advancing our knowledge about window-bird collisions.

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