

The Problem

Windows in our homes kill hundreds of millions of birds every year. **One million a day** is the low estimate!



Most of us have heard the "thud" of a bird crashing into one of our windows. Most collisions are not as obvious as the one above of a Mourning Dove.

SAD FACTS:

Up to 50% of bird-window collisions leave no evidence at all.

Many of the birds that fly away, likely die later of their injuries.

Birds most often suffer concussions and internal injuries which can take days to kill them. They do not break their necks.

If a collision kills a parent bird, the young will most likely also die.

Window collisions kill both the fit and unfit, risking weakening the gene pool.

This is all preventable if people took action at their own homes.

Why collisions happen

Collisions occur for two main reasons: **Reflections** and the "see-through" effect.



Reflections Birds see habitat and open sky reflected on our windows. Almost any glass can act like a perfect mirror under certain lighting conditions. Deceived by the reflection, they crash into the solid glass trying to reach what they see.



See-through Wherever birds can see habitat or sky through glass, such as windows opposite one another (above), glass walkways, sunrooms, glass enclosed porches, etc., the result can be lethal. This is one time where closing blinds can be very effective in preventing collisions.

What we are doing

The **Bird-window Collision Working Group (BCWG)** is actively reaching out to our communities to educate the public about the serious threat windows pose to our birds and how to prevent collisions.

Between 365 million to one billion collisions annually in the USA. This is perhaps the leading human-caused avian mortality our birds face on a daily basis.

For more information visit:

<https://pa.audubon.org/birds/windows>

<http://ACO.muhlenberg.edu>



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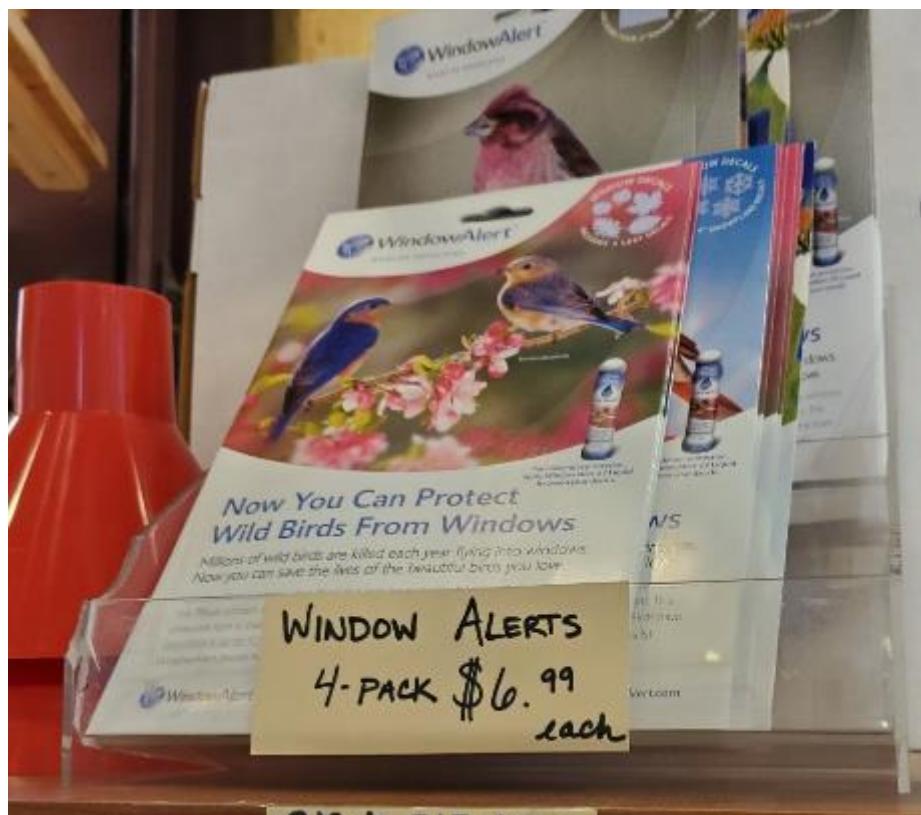
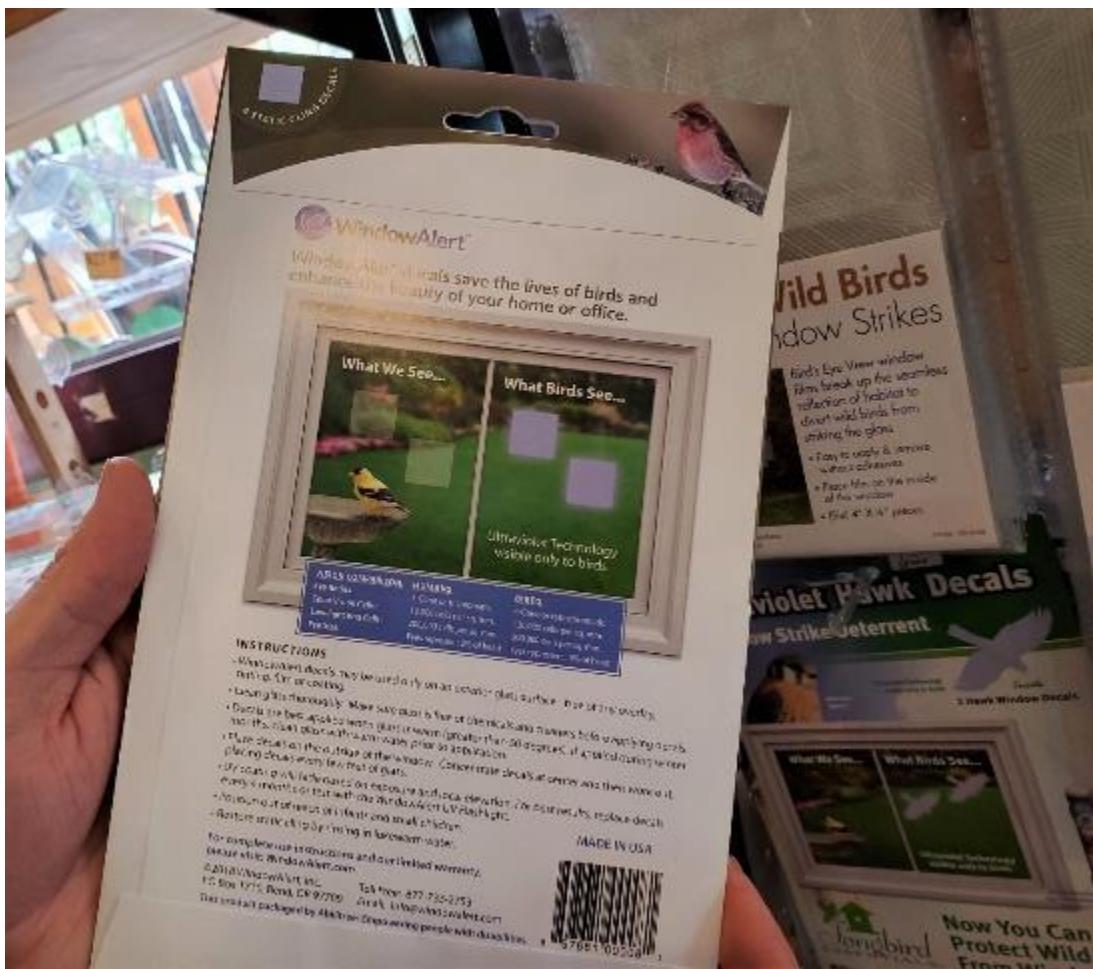
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Cut a piece of string long enough to hang 3/4 of the way down a window. Cut multiple 8-12" strips of shiny foil or wrapping paper

1. Tie the string around a pinecone (or other lightweight object that won't damage the glass on a windy day)
2. Tie strips of foil at intervals along the string
3. Using duct tape, a cup hook or a thumbtack, hang the string outside the window. For wide windows, make a few strings and hang them four inches part.

<https://www.humanesociety.org/news/your-best-craft>

* You might not want to use the pine cones. They'll weight the string but will be noisy in the wind and could possibly damage a window. Heavy string or paracord should work fine without weighting.

Remember the 2x4 rule!



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