

Lights Out, Texas!

EACH LIGHT TURNED OUT HELPS SAVE MIGRATING BIRDS

AUGUST 15 - NOVEMBER 30 | 11 PM - 6 AM

WHAT IS LIGHTS OUT TEXAS?

Every spring and fall, nearly two billion birds – between a quarter and a third of all birds migrating at night through the United States – travel through Texas in one of the planet’s great wildlife spectacles. Did you know that many of these birds migrate at night? Light pollution is a growing and underrecognized threat to birds. Due to urban sprawl, tall buildings, and highly reflective glass windows, the lights emanating from our cities at night disorients the birds, leaving them confused and vulnerable to collisions with buildings and threats on the ground.

Lights Out Texas is a campaign of education and awareness that is led by a coalition of conservation non-profits, universities, governmental organizations, and Texans dedicated to the conservation of birds. Those involved are working with cities, businesses, and individuals across the state to turn off all nonessential lights from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. through the end of fall migration (November 30), especially during Texas’ peak spring bird migration period September 5 - October 29.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

- Turn off all non-essential lights from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. each night.
- Do not use landscape lighting to light up trees or gardens where birds may be resting.
- For essential lights (like security lighting) use the following dark skies friendly lighting practices:
 - Aim lights down
 - Use lighting shields to direct light downwards and to avoid light shining into the sky or trees
 - Use motion detectors and sensors so lights are only on when you need them
 - Close blinds at night to reduce the amount of light being emitted from windows
- Share your success on social media and with the press, your commitment to go lights out to save birds is newsworthy.

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