

CELEBRATE BIRD DAY!

Help welcome back the birds on International Migratory Bird Day



Prevent Window Collisions

Birds will fly into windows because they think they see nature reflected in the glass. Make your home or cottage windows visible to birds by applying UV reflective window decals, or strips or blocks of tape, or hanging exterior netting in front of particularly deadly windows. In the spring and fall, turn off exterior lights and draw curtains at night to prevent migratory birds from colliding with windows.



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Protect Birds from Pets

Keeping your cat within a controlled space will prevent it from killing birds. Unleashed dogs in natural habitat can harm birds too, disturbing, chasing, and even killing them. Migrating birds and young birds just out of the nest are especially vulnerable.

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Create a Healthy Yard for Birds

Avoid using pesticides and herbicides in your yard as they are harmful to birds and the food they eat. Provide birds with food, nest sites and cover by planting native plants. Leave leaves under trees and shrubs – they make excellent foraging sites. Provide and maintain a source of clean water and keep feeders clean and disease-free by changing seed regularly.



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Leave Fledglings Where You Find Them

Fledglings may spend several days on the ground after they leave the nest and before they can fly. Help them by keeping people and pets away, so their parents can care for them. If you think a bird is truly an orphan, call a wildlife rehabilitation centre for advice.



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Protect Shorebird Habitat

The rufa Red Knot (*Calidris canutus*) begins its life on the tundra in July, annually migrating between the Canadian Arctic and southern South America. 'Moon bird', a Red Knot superstar (also known as 'B95') lived at least 20 years and flew over 600,000 km in its lifetime – comparable to going to the Moon and half way back! Protect shorebird habitat from pollution and disturbance.



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