

WHO WE ARE

Keep Cats Safe & Save Bird Lives is a coalition of individuals and organizations concerned about the well-being of cats and birds. We believe all creatures are important, and as humans we owe both cats and birds protection. Led by Nature Canada, the oldest national nature conservation charity in the country, the coalition includes national partners Bird Studies Canada, Earth Rangers and the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies, as well as an ever-growing list of regional and local partners.

Please visit www.catsandbirds.ca to see a current list of partners.



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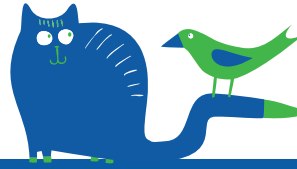
Other ways to help our birds:

- Install & maintain bird feeders & bird baths
- Mark windows to prevent window collisions
- Drive slow to avoid collisions with wildlife
- Cultivate native plants to ensure we maintain a healthy natural habitat for our bird species

Learn how you can help protect birds in Canada:
www.naturecanada.ca/initiatives/save-bird-lives

RESOURCES TO KEEP CATS SAFE & SAVE BIRD LIVES

Please see the links below, or contact us at Info@catsandbirds.ca for more information.



Resources for Cat Owners

[Ensuring a Stimulating Environment](#)
www.catsandbirds.ca/research/safe-happy-cat

[Safe Outdoor Options](#)
www.catsandbirds.ca/research/cat-enclosures-and-catios

[Harness Training your Cat](#)
www.catsandbirds.ca/research/harness-training-your-cat

[Dealing with Escape Artists](#)
www.catsandbirds.ca/research/dealing-with-escape-artists

What to Do if You Find an Injured Bird

[To find a wildlife rehabilitator near you](#)
www.ontario.ca/page/find-wildlife-rehabilitator

Other resources available at
www.catsandbirds.ca

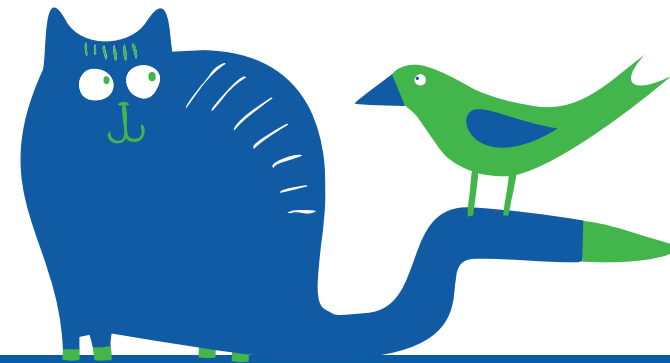
- DIY Cat Shelf
- Cat Proofing Your Garden
- Cat Spray Solutions
- Homeowner's Brochure: Window Collision Prevention

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Keep Cats Safe & Save Bird Lives celebrates the contributions that cats and birds make to our lives, environment, and community.

We invite **YOU** to consider what you can do to make Canada a safer place to live for both cats and birds.



"Both cats and birds are safer when cats are protected from the risks of roaming unsupervised outdoors."

-Dr. Shane Bateman, DVM

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KEEP CATS SAFE

There are roughly 10 million pet cats in Canada, and about 4 million of those spend time outdoors unsupervised. But outdoors can be a very dangerous place!

Risks for cats when unsupervised outdoors

- **DISEASES** including Feline Immuno-deficiency Virus, Rabies, Feline Distemper, Feline Leukemia
- **CARS**
- **FIGHTS** with other cats, wildlife, or dogs
- **PARASITES** such as fleas, ticks, earmites, worms
- **POISONING** from common garden plants, antifreeze, rat poison, etc
- **GETTING LOST** The Canadian Federation of Humane Societies' shelter statistics indicate that while 31% of dogs are reclaimed by their owners, only 5% of cats are.

SAVE BIRD LIVES

Another good reason to keep your cat from roaming freely is the risk to birds and wildlife.



- More than 400 species of birds can be found in Canada
- The number of bird species at risk increased from 47 to 86 between 2001 and 2014
- More than 115 bird species are considered vulnerable to cats because they nest or feed near the ground; these include species at risk

such as Barn Swallows and Wood Thrushes, as well as popular birds like Cardinals and Goldfinches

- Birds provide vital services such as reducing insect pests and regenerating forests through dispersing seeds

HEALTHY ALTERNATIVES

Pet cats hunt for stimulation, and there are lots of alternative ways to meet that need.

Safe outdoor options include:

- Catios
- Cat Fencing
- Cat enclosures
- Cats walks and tents
- Harness-walking

Tips to help keep your cat healthy, happy and safe indoors:

- Invest in a scratching post, puzzles & feeding toys
- Get your cat a window perch for non-stop entertainment
- Provide cat-nip or cat-grass
- Spend 10-15 minutes twice a day playing with and petting your cat
- Look into adopting a playmate

