



BIRD-SAFE BUFFALO

Birds love Buffalo, so give them your Buffalove!

They love the food, the housing, even the weather, so much so that the Niagara River Corridor from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario has been designated an Important Bird Area with global significance. It's basically a super highway for thousands upon thousands of birds, and what happens to those birds here in Buffalo can impact global patterns. Building strikes alone kill roughly one BILLION birds annually; thousands here in our region. Make your spaces bird-safe and Buffalove them back! There are simple steps you can take at home, and at work to reduce bird fatalities and help them along on their epic journey:

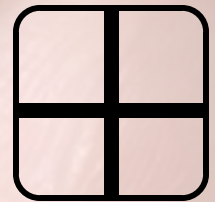
LIGHTS OUT!!!



Most of the migratory birds that fly through our region are flying by night, navigating with the night sky. Bright artificial lights not only cause direct window strikes, they disorient and fatigue birds, making them vulnerable to other threats. You can make a difference by turning out your lights, specifically exterior lights and flood lights, and interior lights on higher floors, and fully shield exterior lighting so that it is downward facing. Taking these steps during spring and fall migrations, from March - June and August - November drastically reduces light-related bird deaths.

BIRD-PROOF YOUR WINDOWS

Those hawk decals some of us have been using? Turns out they're ineffective. Birds collide with windows primarily because they see the reflection of the outdoors, and it looks like a lovely place to be! Your best bet to deter daytime window collisions is to use a product that creates a grid-like or striped pattern that in effect breaks up the reflections that lure birds. American Bird Conservancy has effective, affordable products at <https://abcbirds.org/get-involved/bird-smart-glass/>



KEEP KITTIES INDOORS!



The cold hard truth: Cats are KILLERS when left to their own devices outdoors, killing an astounding 1.4 - 3.7 BILLION birds in the U.S. alone, every year - more than building collisions, vehicles and poison combined. Build your kitty a patio!

PLANT GOOD PLANTS

Did you know that an Oak can support over 500 moth and butterfly species, while a Ginkgo supports only 2? Planting trees, shrubs and flowers that provide habitat and food (most importantly, caterpillars!) is one of the most impactful things you can do to support Buffalo's birds. Check out Doug Tallamy's "Bringing Nature Home" to learn more about why selecting the right plants for our homes and municipal landscapes is critical in supporting native wildlife.

