

Bird-Friendly Glass

As much as light attracts birds into our urban areas, glass is what kills them.

Bird-Friendly Buildings are becoming more and more common place with major cities across the U.S. implementing code, retrofitting glass, and designing new buildings with bird safety in mind.

Want to learn more about Bird-Friendly Buildings? Below are a few locations with ample resources.

- 1) National Audubon created a [public resource folder](#) with information from across the U.S.
- 2) [Bird Friendly Glass](#) recommendations can be found on ABC's website where they have tested glass for it's safety rating. You can also explore their site for ordinances, building examples, and more!
- 3) Continue to spread awareness online by posting about bird-friendly glass in conjunction with Lights Out, Texas messaging:



Impact of Glass and Light –Instagram/Facebook

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1. Did you know that building collisions are one of the leading human-related causes of bird deaths? In a study published last year (2024 Kornreich et al) an estimated 1 billion birds die annually in the U.S. Birds mistake reflective windows for open skies or trees and often try to fly right through them. You can help! Join #LightsOutTexas to protect our feathered friends!  #LightsOutTexas #BirdSafeWindows #birdsafetexas
 - Turn off non-essential lights from 11 PM - 6 AM during migration
 - Make windows bird-friendly with decals, tape, or bird-safe glass
2. Birds in Texas are facing major threats from glass windows and artificial light. They can't see the glass and often mistake reflections for open skies, leading to fatal collisions. At night, bright lights disorient migrating birds, pulling them off course and into danger. What can you do?

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 Use bird-safe window treatments like decals, tape, or bird-friendly glass

By making these simple changes, we can save millions of birds every year. Let's work together to protect our skies! #LightsOutTexas #BirdFriendlyWindows #birdsafetexas

3. With nearly 2/3 of North American birds at risk, now more than ever, it is imperative to protect our flighted friends by turning out non-essential lights between 11pm-6am and making windows bird-friendly. Bird tape, anti-collision markers, and bird-friendly glass minimize bird collisions. Let's all do our part to protect our flighted friends!  #birdsafetexas #lightsouttexas #birdsafewindows