## **Songbird Support**

1. Make Windows Safer for Birds: Windows in homes and offices can be hazardous for birds. Birds are not easily able to distinguish between a window and an unobstructed space and often fly into window panes causing injury or death. You can add film, decals, and even tape to windows to signal to birds that there is something in their way.



2. **Keep Cats Indoors:** Cats are a danger to songbirds, for that reason and for the safety of your beloved cat you should never allow your cat outside with free access to birds and other wildlife. If you need to let your cat outside there are special collars made so that birds can detect the cat's presence. Make sure to buy one that has a breakaway system so if your cat gets stuck on something the collar can come off. See the following link for more information:

https://www.birdsbesafe.com/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwtamlBhD3ARIsAARoaE yvPi2QwG4NFRSatLxbmppIRQ0MxkbwpoxD\_bmVRsaGn9TG3abAD BgaAtciEALw\_wcB



**3. Plant Native Plants:** Habitat loss is one of the biggest reasons for the decline in bird populations. Growing bird-friendly native plants will attract and protect the birds you love while making your space beautiful, easy to care for, and better for the environment. Use the following link to find out what plants are native to your area:

<a href="https://www.audubon.org/native-plants?gl=1\*obmnn4\* ga\*NTQxM">https://www.audubon.org/native-plants?gl=1\*obmnn4\* ga\*NTQxM</a>
<a href="https://www.audubon.org/native-plants2">https://www.audubon.org/native-plants2</a> ga X2XNL2MWTT\*MTY4ODkoOTE3
<a href="https://www.audubon.org/native-plants2">NS4xLjAuMTY4ODkoOTE4NC41MS4wLjA</a>.



- **4. Avoid Pesticides:** The use of pesticides in your yard can harm birds both directly (through poisoning) and indirectly (by reducing their natural food supply). Be mindful of this while treating your garden or home with chemicals.
- **5. Enjoy the Birds:** The simple act of watching and enjoying the birds in your own backyard can help. When we become more aware of the creatures around us, we care more and do more to protect them.

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