

Protect Backyard Birds from Window Strikes



1. Cover windows with netting, preferably soccer net grade. Leave space between glass and netting as it will act as a trampoline if birds should hit it.
2. Hang obstacles in front of the glass such as ribbon, pie tins or other material in strips no more than five centimeters apart on the outside of the windows.
3. Bird feeders should be placed 3-feet or less from the windows.
4. Reduce the mirror-effect in existing buildings by placing light colored material behind the glass to reduce reflection. (White drapes or blinds).
5. Place decals and bird silhouettes on the outside of the windows no more than 10" apart. Special "ultraviolet decals" allow the birds to see a brilliant glow.
6. A great activity for kids includes whitewashing windows or spraying glass with vegetable oil or fake snow during the peak migration seasons to reduce reflection.

Bird Bead Strings

Materials Needed:

- Yarn or string that doesn't fray
- Pony Beads
- Paperclips
- Plastic children's needle

Directions:

1. Measure windows and allow extra material for attaching the yarn to the outside of the window. Attach a paperclip to the yarn so that it can be hung from gutters.
2. String the yarn through the pony beads and tie off each section of beads with a smaller piece of yarn (make a knot large enough to stop the beads from sliding).
3. Hang strands no farther than 10" apart.

Feathered Strings

Materials Needed:

- Yarn
- Craft feathers
- Paperclips

1. Measure windows and allow extra material for attaching yarn to the outside of the window.
2. Wrap yarn around each individual feather at the end of the base of the feather at the start of the quill. Tie off with a knot.
3. Remember: Craft feathers should be used and not real feathers collected from the wild. State and Federal permits are required to possess feathers.