



# BUILDING A MORE BIRD-FRIENDLY BUFFALO



Now more than ever, we have an important role to play to protect birds and their habitats. Here are some priorities to consider to make your home or business more bird friendly:



## 1. Support & Grow Native Plants

With 15 billion trees cut down yearly, according to National Geographic, birds are being pushed out of their homes. Native plants support nature's balance by sustaining pollinators and insects, which works their way up the food chain.

See native plants in your region: [www.audubon.org/native-plants](http://www.audubon.org/native-plants)

## 2. Ensure Bird-Friendly Buildings & Windows

Lights and clear glass surfaces cause confusion for birds, who mistake glass or greenery for open fly-ways and can collide with windows. Consider adding decals or screens to large glass windows, and moving indoor plants away from glass.



## 3. Go Lights Out

Artificial lights confuse and disorient birds, who often use the night sky to navigate during migration season. As a solution, turn off unnecessary lights after 11 p.m., use motion sensors, and swap bright bulbs for warmer ones.

Check out National Audubon Society's Lights Out Program to learn more

## 4. Minimize Rodenticide Use

Indiscriminate use of rat poison threatens the survival of many birds of prey. According to a 2020 study from Tufts Wildlife Clinic at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, 100% of red-tail hawks admitted to the clinic tested positive for rodenticides. Opt for snap or glue traps as alternatives to rodenticide.



## 5. Keep an Eye on Outdoor Cats

Feral and free-roaming cats are the leading cause of human-related bird deaths across the globe, with 2.4 billion killed annually in the U.S. and Canada (American Bird Conservancy). Make sure to supervise cats when letting them out, spay and neuter pets, and support local shelters.

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