



## THE TOP TEN WAYS TO HELP WILD BIRDS

- 1. PLANT A TREE**  
Trees and shrubs provide shelter from the weather and predators, nest sites, and food. Choose plants native to your area
- 2. PUT UP A NEST BOX**  
Provide a safe place for a bird to nest
- 3. PICK UP LITTER**  
Fishing line, string, netting, plastic, and other garbage carelessly discarded can be deadly to wildlife
- 4. PLANT A FLOWER GARDEN**  
You can enjoy colorful flowers while hummingbirds sip their nectar and other birds feed on insects and seeds
- 5. PREVENT BIRDS FROM CRASHING INTO YOUR WINDOWS**  
Apply stickers to the glass or create lines outside your windows to alert birds that the window is not an open space to fly through.
- 6. KEEP YOUR CAT INDOORS**  
Each year millions of birds are killed by pets. To prevent this and keep your pets healthy, do not allow your pet to roam freely outside.
- 7. AVOID CHEMICAL LAWN TREATMENTS AND POISONS**  
Chemicals used to kill weeds and insects can be deadly for birds, especially during nesting season when most nestlings are fed insects. Rat poison will kill birds, too.
- 8. LOOK BEFORE YOU PRUNE**  
Check a dead tree before it is cut down for nests on the branches and in cavities. Best not to cut or trim plants during nesting season. It can be difficult to see the nest until it is too late.
- 9. SAVE A WILD PLACE**  
Let a piece of your yard go wild, contribute to a conservation group, volunteer to help preserve a habitat. People and wildlife will all benefit
- 10. RESCUE AN INJURED BIRD**  
If you find an injured bird, contact the Avian Wildlife Center or a licensed wildlife rehabilitator near you. Do not try to care for a wild animal yourself

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