

AUDIT – IS MY SCHOOL BIRD-SAFE?

Grades 3 to 8 – Individual, small group or class

Begin this activity by drawing an overhead view of your school and labelling each side as side #1, side #2, etc. (**TIP:** Google maps can provide an overhead view of your school to help with this!). Next, take a walk and visit each side of the school where windows are located. Find a good spot where you can see the entire outside wall at one time. Answer all questions for **Side #1** before moving to **Side #2** and so on.

1 Have you, or someone else, ever found a bird or heard a bird that hit a window at your school?

Side #1 Side #2 Side #3 Side #4 Side #5 Side #6

YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO

2 Can you see a reflection (e.g. trees, clouds, gardens) in the windows (even a little bit)?

Side #1 Side #2 Side #3 Side #4 Side #5 Side #6

YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO

3 Is there a birdfeeder or birdbath more than 50 cm from any of the windows?

Side #1 Side #2 Side #3 Side #4 Side #5 Side #6

YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO

4 Can you see indoor plants inside the school through any of the windows?

Side #1 Side #2 Side #3 Side #4 Side #5 Side #6

YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO

5 Can you see through any windows to another side of your school (e.g. from a window on one wall to a window on another wall)?

Side #1 Side #2 Side #3 Side #4 Side #5 Side #6

YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO

6 Are there any other glass structures that pose a danger? (E.g. glass railings, balconies, bus stops)

Side #1 Side #2 Side #3 Side #4 Side #5 Side #6

YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO

Total YES answers:

Side #1 Side #2 Side #3 Side #4 Side #5 Side #6

If any side has 1 or more YES answers, there are windows present that could be a danger to birds.
Next, organize the sides of your school from most dangerous to least dangerous:

MOST DANGEROUS

LEAST DANGEROUS

Side # _____ Side # _____ Side # _____ Side _____ Side # _____ Side # _____

Starting with the most dangerous sides, using the planning sheet below to take action!

PLANNING SHEET - BIRD-SAFE WINDOWS

Remember to begin with the most dangerous side and work your way toward solving problems on all sides of your school! To help find solutions, visit www.flap.org

Side # _____

Main Problem(s): _____

Solution: _____

Side # _____

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Solution: _____

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Solution: _____

HELP BIRDS EVERYWHERE!

Use this sheet to determine if your house, apartment, condominium, or community centre is safe for birds too!