

LIGHTS OUT for Birds During Peak Fall Migration – Sept. 1–Nov. 15



Each year, between 365 – 988 million birds are killed in the United States when they collide with buildings.

Most migratory birds travel at night when the air is cooler and less turbulent. Cover of darkness also provides protection from predators. But traveling at night is made hazardous because of artificial lighting. Light from homes and businesses disorients migrating birds, drawing them into unsafe areas. Reducing light pollution can prevent window collisions and bird mortality.

According to Ken Rosenberg, Cornell Lab of Ornithology “These bird losses are a strong signal that our human-altered landscapes are losing their ability to support birdlife.”

Please join Protect our Pollinators and Lights Out Connecticut in pledging to turn off all unnecessary lighting from **11pm to 6am during peak bird fall migration (Sept 1-Nov 15) and again in spring (Apr 1-May 31)**. Turning off our lights is a simple thing we can do to reduce the risks to migratory birds.

Turn off all unnecessary outdoor lights. If not possible, use bulbs with warmer yellowish tones. Lights should always be shielded to direct light downwards. Motion sensor lights are very helpful and still provide security for home and business. Lights off are best.

Indoor lighting also radiates outward. When working indoors at night, closing drapes and blinds can also help protect migrating birds.

Lights Out Connecticut is a non-profit project of the Connecticut Ornithological Association saving migratory birds from deadly window collisions and other threats caused by light pollution. A growing coalition of CT residents, businesses, schools, churches, green spaces, and commercial properties pledging to save migratory birds from the devastating effects of light pollution. To learn more, go to **lightsoutct.org**

- Reported by Holly Kocet