

Other Window Options

Other aesthetic options are available for dwellings that may reduce bird collisions. Anything that can fully or partially reduce the reflection of large glass surfaces will help. Here are a few examples:

Mullions

Windows may include mullions spaced a maximum of 0.30 m from midpoint to midpoint and with a minimum width of 1.0 cm.



External Coverings - Shades

Install external retractable shades that can be lowered over large windows.



External Coverings - Shutters

Install shutters that can partially or fully cover large windows.



External Coverings - Screens

Install movable / removable screens that can be placed in front of large windows.



External Coverings - Awnings

Install awnings that heavily obscure windows.



For more information on bird-friendly guidelines, check out the following links:

<https://www.flap.org>

<http://safewings.ca/>

<https://birdsafecanada.ca/>



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Bird-friendly Guidelines for Residents

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Tips for Making Your Home Bird-friendly



This pamphlet provides residents with some general tips for improving the safety of birds. A common cause of injury to birds are collisions with windows.

Birds can become confused by glass surfaces that are reflective or have lights or vegetation inside of a building that are visible from the outside. Collisions are common even with low-rise residential homes.



There are several measures that you can implement to help ensure that the Town of Fort Erie is a viable habitat for the many species of birds that call the town home.

General Tips

Indoor Plants

Plants inside of your home that are located next to windows may be visible to birds and can result in collision with the glass when birds attempt to fly to the vegetation inside. Place indoor plants away from windows or use a translucent window curtain, shade or blinds to obscure the plants to prevent this.



Bird Feeders

Bird feeders are an excellent way to attract birds and to bird watch from the comfort of your home. A bird-friendly practice is to locate bird feeders within 1.00 m or less of windows or patio doors. There are also feeders available that adhere directly to glass. Placing bird feeders so close is beneficial as the reduced distance ensures minimal injuries to birds should they come into contact with the glass.



Lighting

Light emitting from your home at night can disorient and distract birds. Block out or extinguish indoor lights at night to prevent attraction of birds from indoor light sources. Direct outdoor lighting downwards to reduce as much light spillage as possible. Use of outdoor lights with motion activation sensors and/or timers that are correctly set are also useful to reduce the amount of time the lights are activated.



Window Patterning

Consider applying patterning to windows to prevent bird collisions. The most effective measures are dot patterning, vertical or horizontal striping, or other decorative patterning.

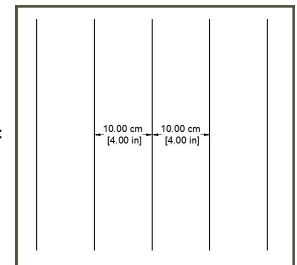
Ready-made window treatment kits are available for purchase online. These kits consist of stickers that peel and stick to windows. For best effectiveness, the stickers should be placed on the external surfaces of windows.

The same effect can be achieved using low cost household tape such as frosted scotch tape and applying it to windows. This method may require regular replacement over time.

For dot or other patterning, gaps between the patterning should be 5.00 cm x 5.00 cm (2.00 in x 2.00 in) or less.



For vertical striping, the stripes should be placed a maximum of 10.00 cm (4.00 in) apart.



For horizontal striping, the stripes should be spaced 5.00 cm (2.00 in) apart.

