

## Is your home or workplace a strike risk?

Use this checklist to identify areas of your home or workplace that could cause a bird-window collision.

### Windows and Glass Surfaces

- Standing on the outside, are there any transparent windows?
- Can you see through to the other side of the building from any of the windows?
- Do any of the windows reflect the sky or surrounding vegetation?
- Are there any large glass surfaces? (i.e. patio or bifold doors)
- Are any corners of the building made entirely of glass?
- Is there any glass fencing on the property? (i.e. pool or balcony fencing)

### The Surrounding Landscape

- Are there any indoor plants visible from the outside?
- Are there bird friendly plants or habitat near any of the windows?
- Are there nectar-rich or fruit-bearing trees close to any of the windows?
- Is there a birdfeeder or birdbath over half a metre away from any of the windows?

The Bird Strike Project is an initiative of BirdLife Australia's Urban Bird Program. For more information visit <http://birdlife.org.au/projects/urban-birds/bird-strike-project> or contact [birdstrike@birdlife.org.au](mailto:birdstrike@birdlife.org.au).

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If you witness a bird window or car collision you can report it at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/australianbirdstrike>

If you find a sick or injured bird you can find a list of carers on our website [www.birdsinbackyards.net](http://www.birdsinbackyards.net) safe for birds.

# Make your windows safe for birds

From our coastal cities to the remote outback, window collisions injure or kill a third of Australian bird species each year. No bird is too big.

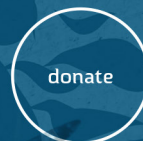
From Spotted Pardalotes to the majestic Powerful Owl, all species are at risk of bird strike.



### Australia's voice for birds since 1901

BirdLife Australia is dedicated to achieving outstanding conservation results for our native birds and their habitats.

With our specialised knowledge and the commitment of an Australia-wide network of volunteers and supporters, we are creating a bright future for Australia's birds.



# what causes bird strike?

# how to strike proof...



## Reflective and transparent glass

Windows, glass balconies and pool fences that reflect the sky or vegetation create the illusion of an available flight path. Transparent glass is invisible to birds, especially when there is a line of sight through to the other side of the building. Birds will collide with it rather than safely fly through.



## Landscaping

- Green spaces as far as 100m away from a building increase the risk of a window collision. They provide habitat and food close to windows, especially if there are nectar-rich or fruit-bearing trees.
- Features such as birdfeeders and baths also increase the risk of window collisions, especially when over half a metre away from windows.
- Indoor plants visible through windows may look like potential refuge and cause a bird to collide with a window.

## ... your home

### Windows and glass

Reduce transparency and reflectivity by breaking up the glass with a repetitive pattern that covers the entire outside surface of the window.

**Birds focus on the size of spaces between objects - it is not the kind of pattern that matters but the distance in-between!**

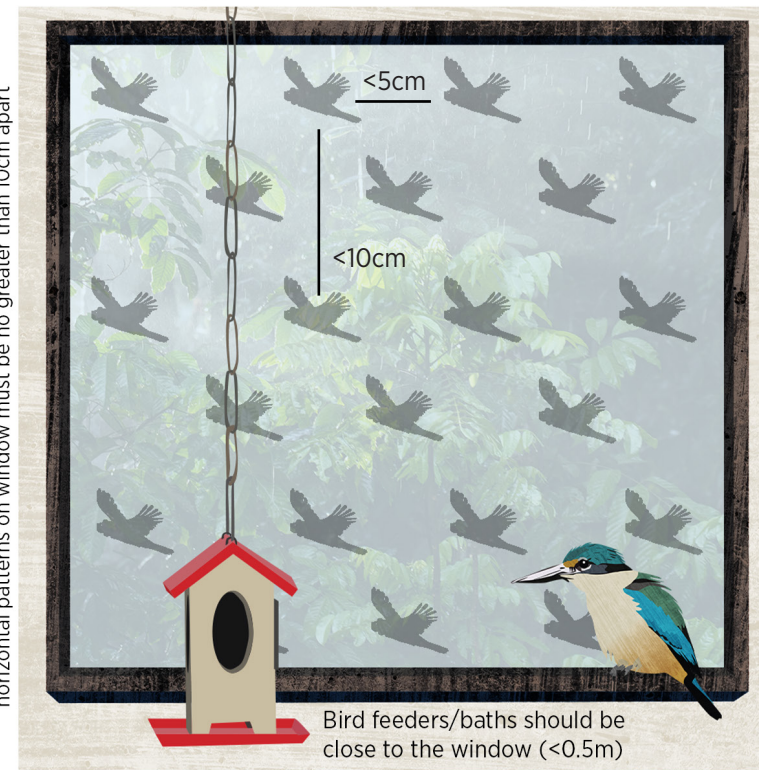
- Patterns should cover the entire length and width of the window
- Be creative and have fun with the patterns you use

**Myth: A couple of predator shaped decals are not effective for preventing bird strike. If you wish to use predator decals, make sure they adhere to the spacing guidelines.**

10 cm

horizontal patterns on window must be no greater than 10cm apart

horizontal patterns on window must be no greater than 5cm apart  
5 cm



## ... your office

Use the same window and glass solutions as at home, making these small operational changes:

- Close blinds after hours and on weekends
- Relocate indoor plants away from windows
- Reduce window cleaning
- Turn lights off at night
- If the building is in a natural setting, ensure preventative measures are installed
- Reduce vegetation around windows as this might confuse birds into collisions.

## ...your landscape

- Make sure indoor plants are not visible from the outside
- Avoid creating potential habitat near windows such as complex vegetation or bird-friendly plants including food sources like nectar-rich and fruit bearing trees.
- Place bird feeders and baths within 0.5 metre of windows to avoid high-speed collisions
- When replacing windows - avoid reflective coatings and include bird-friendly patterns during installation

