LETS GO BIRDING!

SPRING MIGRANTS AT PENN

Penn is home to over **80 species** of resident and migratory birds. Though our campus provides important habitat, it is not without peril for birds due to their risk of window collisions.

YOU FOUND A BIRD...

2. Sign up for an account and click “ADD OBSERVATIONS”.
3. Document it! Take a photo.
4. Detail where you found the bird.
5. Adjust GPS coordinates to your exact location.
6. Include date and time you found the bird.
7. Status of bird: dead or injured.
8. Submit report to the Penn Bird Strikes project.
9. If you do not feel comfortable picking up the bird please email upennbirdstrikes@gmail.com with the location, date, and time.

SPRING MIGRATION

BIRD AWARENESS WEEK

FIND OUT MORE WAYS YOU CAN HELP!
SPRING MIGRATION!

Philadelphia is located along the Atlantic Flyway, making it an important stopover spot for birds during migration season.

3.5 BILLION BIRDS TRAVEL TO THE US DURING SPRING MIGRATION

Adriaan Dokter, Cornell Lab

Penn serves an important role in the network of bird habitats in Philadelphia. Places such as the Bio Pond, College Green, Penn Park and Shoemaker Green provide habitat and food for birds along their migration journey.

LIGHTS OUT PENN!

80% OF MIGRATORY BIRDS TRAVEL AT NIGHT

Horton, 2019

In the United States, up to one billion birds die annually from window collisions due to light pollution at night and highly reflective glass during the day.

Klem 1990, Dunn 1993

472 BIRD STRIKES

INCLUDING 73 SPECIES

March, 2021

recorded on Penn’s campus by Bird Friendly Penn Volunteers.

WHAT CAN YOU DO AT HOME?

Light pollution from buildings is attractive and disorienting to birds, but you can help by turning off unnecessary lights and keeping your curtains closed at night.

BIRD FRIENDLY DESIGN

Reflective and transparent windows are dangerous for birds since they cannot register them as a solid object. Bird friendly window treatments make windows visible for birds by coating glass and/or applying a decal with a pattern.

For patterns to effectively deter birds, they must be spaced 2” apart in the vertical direction and 4” in the horizontal direction.

BIRD FRIENDLY DESIGN AT PENN

Learn more about what you can do to treat your windows at home from the American Bird Conservancy.