



# Lights Out Columbus

Every spring and fall, millions of birds migrate through Columbus on their way to or from their breeding grounds. During their travels, these birds have a 43% change of encountering a man-made obstacle. Many birds migrate at night, and lights on tall buildings or aimed at the sky disorient them and draw them into the buildings. This causes many birds to strike windows or circle buildings until they fall from exhaustion. Building collisions are a leading cause of bird fatality during migration in North America, and it is estimated that **550 million birds die each year from building collisions.**

**Lights Out campaigns have been successful in many cities across the U.S.** Other cities that have initiated Lights Out campaigns include:

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| Chicago       | Baltimore        | Minneapolis  |
| Boston        | San Francisco    | Denver       |
| New York City | Washington, D.C. | Indianapolis |

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## We need your help!

We are looking for dedicated volunteers to help with our Lights Out Columbus monitoring campaign.

### What will the program monitor?

The monitoring campaign will focus on:

- 1) Bird collisions with buildings
- 2) Nighttime light emissions from buildings

This data will improve our understanding of the number of collisions that occur and the species that are affected. It will also help us prioritize buildings for the Lights Out Columbus Campaign.

### What would volunteers be doing?

- Walking a route through downtown Columbus
- Collecting dead or injured birds found surrounding buildings
- Photographing buildings at night
- Maintaining accurate records

### When are volunteers needed?

- March 15 to May 31
- Mornings (5:30-8 am)
- Nighttime (after sunset)

