



Lights Out Cincinnati is working to ensure birds can fly safely over our and through city on the way to their summer and winter homes. You can help by turning out your lights from midnight to dawn.

Here's the problem...

Birds are attracted to light and can become disoriented and confused. They may crash into windows or fly around the illuminated area until they become exhausted and fall.

And a simple solution...

Extinguish or dim exterior decorative lighting and interior lighting at night, especially during migration seasons March through May and August through October.



Hi, Cincinnati friends!

I'm an Indigo Bunting and twice a year a few thousand of us fly over your lovely city in the middle of the night. Some of my friends keep heading north to Michigan or Maine, but a bunch of us stay in the Cincinnati area for the summer since it's such a great place to raise a family and the food scene is amazing! You have so many beautiful parks and yards with my favorite things to eat - spiders, caterpillars, and aphids, yum!

Like many of my migratory songbird friends the stars help me find my way, which is where you come in. We can get really confused and disoriented by city lights. If you turn your lights off or down at night, especially in and around tall buildings, we have a much better chance of staying on course and making it safely to our destination. We have a pretty risky journey so we'll take all the help we can get!

400 million to 1 billion

Estimated number of bird deaths caused by window collisions each year in the U.S. Tens of thousands of birds migrate through the Ohio Valley each spring and fall. We just don't notice because it often happens in the middle of the night.

80

Percent decrease in bird collisions in downtown Chicago when they flipped off the lights.

26

U.S. cities with Lights Out Programs, including Chicago, New York, Boston, Washington DC, Toronto, Baltimore, Indianapolis, Columbus, and Cleveland.

2018

The Year of the Bird and the 100th anniversary of the of the passage of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act protecting over 800 species of birds saving billions of birds' lives.

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