

LIGHTS OUT CINCINNATI

Guide to Bird-Friendly Lighting

USE WARM-COLORED & LESS BRIGHT LED BULBS

Choose warmer light colors—amber, orange, and red—over cooler colors like white and blue. Lights under 3000 Kelvin are better for people and wildlife alike!



CONTROL THE DIRECTION OF LIGHT

Shielded lights aimed at the ground can keep artificial light out of the night sky. If you have indoor lighting, draw your curtains or blinds in the evening so light doesn't spill out from your windows.

USE LIGHT ONLY WHEN NECESSARY

You can use automatic dimmers, motion sensors, or timers to ensure that light is only being used when it's needed.



TAKE ACTION DURING MIGRATION SEASON!

Even if you can't commit to going fully dark, there are certain times of the year when less light can make a huge impact! Try to limit lighting between midnight and dawn during the following seasons, when birds are most likely to be journeying overhead:

- **Fall Migration: August - October**
- **Spring Migration: March - May**



OTHER WAYS TO HELP BIRDS

Planting pollinator gardens and putting out bird feeders and bird baths can help fuel birds' migration journeys. Keeping housecats indoors - especially during fledgling season in the spring, when baby birds are most vulnerable - can prevent unnecessary bird deaths.