

Having a Hoot: Keeping Birds Safe with Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre

Help keep birds safe with window painting

Here is a fun and great way to minimize bird window collisions to help keep birds safe!

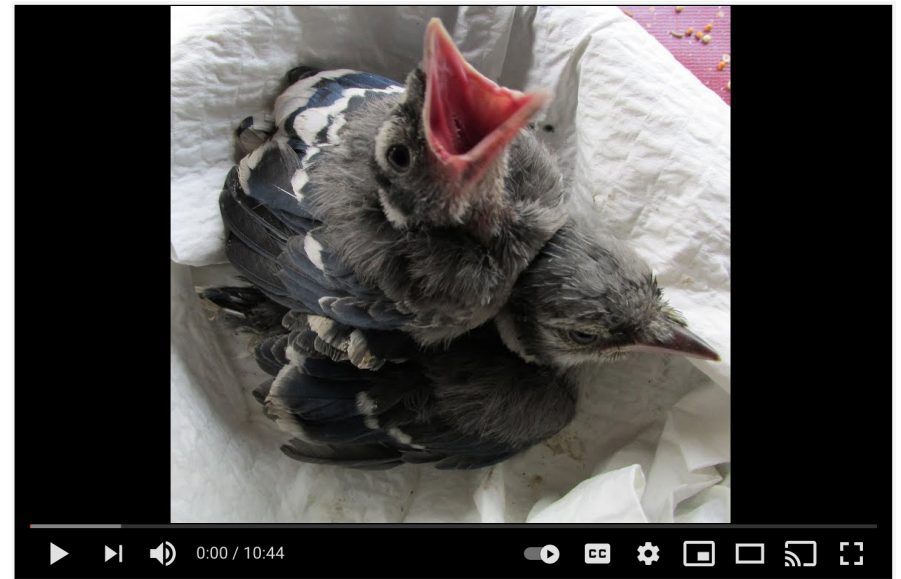
What you need

Bar of soap (or tempera paint that will wash off with water)
Paint brushes

How it Works

Birds fly into windows as they often see a reflection of trees. They are trying to fly towards the trees, without realizing that it's a window.

By painting with soap or washable paint, it breaks up the reflection and let's birds know that it is a solid surface that they can't fly through.



Talon Talk Thursday - All About Baby Birds

*Watch this Talon Talk video to learn about baby birds
- their stages of development and how they grow!
Then do the Having a Hoot activity below*

Instructions

1. If using a bar of soap - wet the bar of soap and work up a lather. This will be your 'paint'
If using paint, put it in a small container that is easy to hold.
2. Take your paint brush and dip it in the lather. You may find that rubbing the bar of soap with a bit of water on the paint brush works better for a lather.
3. Then on the exterior of your windows - start painting! It can be simple pattern like polkadots every 2 inches, or be creative and paint beautiful images. Just make sure that the majority of the window has a drawing or pattern.

Repeat on all your windows!