

# Fact Sheet



## Fatal Light Awareness Program Canada

A registered Canadian charity, Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP) Canada works to safeguard migratory birds in the built environment through education, research, policy development, rescue and recovery. Together with partners in governments, business and communities, FLAP Canada reaches thousands of people each year to promote bird-safe practices and to engage citizens in conservation-in-action. Since 1993, volunteers in the Greater Toronto Area have recovered over 78,000 birds, including species at risk. FLAP Canada began as a grassroots community organization, and has expanded its decades-long commitment to the bird/building collision issue and bird conservation.

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Charity Number: 14074 6736 RR0001

### Fast Facts

(as at March, 2017)

- **Founding:** 1993, Toronto
- **Board of Director Leadership:** Erik Kremer, President
- **Staff Leadership:** Michael Mesure, Executive Director
- **Featured Work:**
  - Migratory Bird Advocacy, Awareness and Outreach
  - On-the-Ground Bird Rescue and Recovery
  - Bird-Building Collision Consulting and Education
  - BirdSafe® Building Standards
  - BirdSafe® Site Visits and Risk Assessments
- **Citizen Science Engagement:**
  - Online Bird/Building Collision Mapping and Reporting
  - Interactive Bird Migration Tracker
- **Issue:** Canadian research estimates more than 25 million birds fatally collide with windows at low, mid and high-rise buildings annually<sup>1</sup>
- **Legal Protections:** In Canada, protection of birds is divided between federal and provincial governments; including the Migratory Birds Convention Act; Section 32(1) of the Canadian *Species at Risk Act (SARA)*; and, Section 14 of the Ontario *Environmental Protection Act (EPA)* whereby it is an offence to kill or injure birds by reflective light/windows on buildings.

<sup>1</sup> Quantifying Human-related Mortality of Birds in Canada (2013), Environment Canada

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