

Global Bird Rescue

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Collision Count Week
Team Manual

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What is Global Bird Rescue?

Global Bird Rescue is a FLAP Canada initiative that will bring the issue of bird-building collisions into the hands of the public. This weeklong event, dubbed *Collision Count Week*, will bring communities together to search for fallen birds in their neighbourhood.

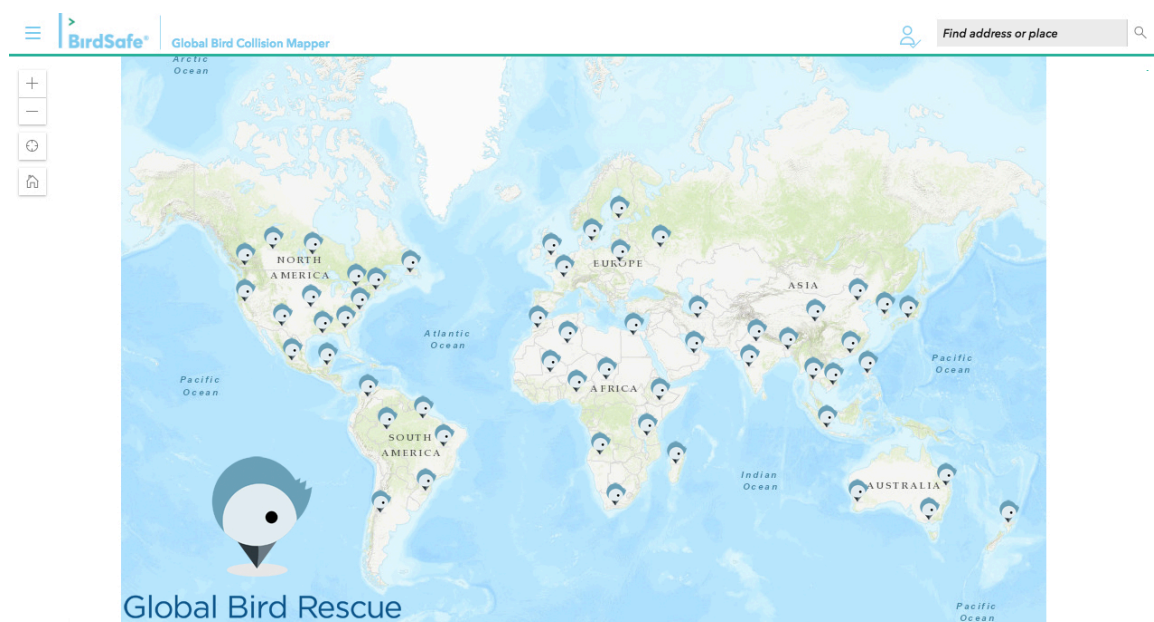
Using the *Global Bird Collision Mapper*, participants will be able to report the location, status and species of the birds they recover, including the ability to upload a photo of each bird they report. This citizen science tool will show every collision reported on its interactive GIS map, providing invaluable data for a greater understanding of the bird-building collision issue.

Additionally, by encouraging people to search for birds, we hope to increase the chances of finding live birds sooner, thus increasing their chances for a successful rehabilitation/release.

September 24th through 30th, teams and individuals will take to the streets and to social media to raise awareness about this critical issue.

Why does this matter?

An estimated 1 billion birds die each year colliding with buildings in North America alone. Data entered into the Global Bird Collision Mapper will help incentivize new policies designed to reduce bird-building collisions across the globe.



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About FLAP Canada

[FLAP Canada](#), a registered Canadian charity, is widely recognized as the pre-eminent authority on the bird-building collision issue. For 25 years, FLAP Canada and a network of over 70 partners, thousands of supporters and many other nature organizations, are devoted to keeping birds safe for the benefit of nature and people.



Our Mission

FLAP Canada is dedicated to safeguarding migratory birds in the built environment through education, policy development, research, rescue and rehabilitation.



Event Rules and Guidelines (in no particular order)

- Your safety first! Avoid attempting to access areas where you might risk injuring yourself.
- Be respectful of private property. FLAP Canada recommends you ask permission to patrol private sites.
- Take a picture of your bird! A photo can help identify the bird species, and help you remember exactly where you found it. Avoid taking pictures of members of the public, entire buildings and recognizable company logos.
- Do not chase an injured bird.
- Keep handling of live birds to a minimum.
- Unsure if a bird is injured? Take it to a local wildlife rehabilitation facility.
- Do not release a bird where you found it; instead find a park or ravine away from buildings that the bird could collide with.
- Be respectful towards wildlife. Do not selfie with dead or injured birds.
- Enter all your collision reports on the *Global Bird Collision Mapper*. (birdmapper.org/app)



Roles of the participant

- All participants must register on the *Global Bird Collision Mapper*.
- Teams are encouraged to engage and educate the public about the issue of bird-building collisions. This can be achieved through various social media tools.
- Registered teams are encouraged to invite their members, partnering organizations, family and friends to participate in *Collision Count Week*.
- Participants are responsible for the safety of all birds in their care, and for following local laws and guidelines surrounding the handling of wildlife.
- Please make sure your collision reports are entered promptly and as accurately as possible.
- Teams are responsible for submitting a group request form and sending it to mapper@flap.org.



Tips and Resources

Dress appropriately for the season. It can be extremely cold and windy in the mid to late fall, so wear warm, layered clothing. Wear comfortable shoes as you may be doing a lot of walking. Quiet shoes are preferred, since they startle the birds less.

Please avoid red and orange clothing as these colours may be interpreted as aggressive by the birds. Wear clothing without animals on it - birds may see these as predators. A cap with a brim or bill may also be threatening to birds.

Bird Identification:

<http://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>

<https://www.audubon.org/bird-guide>

<http://www.birdseyebirding.com/apps/birdseye/>

<http://www.birderslibrary.com/features/bird-apps-of-the-world.htm>

Species known to collide with windows:

<https://www.muhlenberg.edu/media/contentassets/pdf/academics/biology/faculty/klem/World%20List-HBW-12%20April%202018.pdf>

Find a wildlife rehabilitator:

http://wildliferehabinfo.org/ContactList_MnPg.htm

<http://www.owra.org/find-a-wildlife-rehabilitator>

<https://theiwrc.org/resources/emergency>

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Group Request Form (please email to mapper@flap.org)

Group Name (this is exactly how you want it to appear on the Mapper)

List of members to add to the group (individuals must create their own account on the mapper and provide you with their username)

Group description (optional)

Please attach a jpeg of your organization's logo to go on our website.