



October 2024 Update

This Month's Feature

✦ Preventing Window Collisions

Thursday Birders

Check for instructions, last minute changes, and updates
<https://www.bacnm.org/thursday-birders/>

October 10th
Sandia Mountain Natural History Center – Cedar Crest
 8:20am-11:30am
 Leader: Brian Anderson

October 24th
Albuquerque Open Space Visitor Center
 8:20am-11:30am
 Leader: Pete Chandler

October 17th
Romero Road, Corrales Bosque
 8:20am-11:30am
 Leader: Phil Dickinson

October 30th
Pueblo Montano Trail and Open Space
 8:20am-11:30am
 Leader: Mary Rajc

Learn to Birdwatch

October 26th

10am-12pm

El Rancho Atrisco Park, 2720 Ladera NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120

Come explore an easy, new hobby with the OpenSpace Division as we talk about birding! Learn how to identify common species and the best locations around the city to spot our feathered friends. Not only will you get the chance to practice binocular and field guide use, but this 1 mile guided walk will include experts from the Bird Alliance of Central New Mexico helping participants practice their new skills. Free, but registration recommended at <https://www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/open-space/events/learn-to-birdwatch-october>

Calendar

<https://www.bacnm.org/calendar/>

October 9th
BACNM Board Meeting
 6:00pm-7:30pm
[Contact for Zoom Link](#)

October 16th
Bird Migration
 10:30am-11:30am
 Ernie Pyle Public Library

October 12th
Backyard Refuge Program Support
 8am-12pm
 Downtown Growers Market

October 23rd
All About Birds
 4pm-5pm
 Juan Tabo Public Library

October 15th
All About Birds
 10:30am-11:30am
 Main Public Library

October 30th
Bird Migration
 3pm-4pm
 Tony Hillerman Public Library

Monthly Program

October 17th

Monthly Education Program

7:00pm - 8:00pm Zoom Only

Chapter Update

Speaker: Dr. Laura Banks

Our chapter has been as busy as a buzzing bee this year. Please join us on Zoom to hear about our outreach programs and conservation actions, and learn about how we work with other agencies to do good things for birds and people. You can get to know our Board of Directors and learn about volunteer opportunities. Our President, Laura Banks, will provide all the good news and discuss what we hope to accomplish in the future.

<https://zoom.us/j/3114440211>

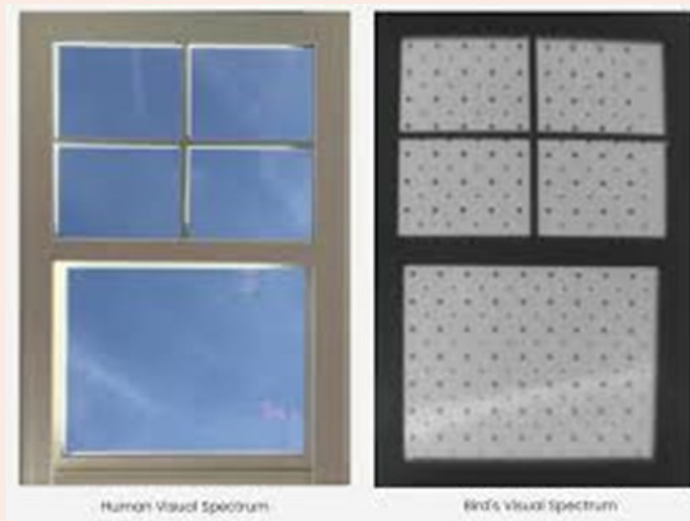
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Preventing Window Collisions

By Sara Jayne Cole



Preventing collisions with windows is one of the most effective ways we can help birds. Even if a bird is “stunned” by hitting a window and eventually flies away it probably will die later from internal injuries. If every home in Albuquerque experiences one bird strike a year the end of the year count would be in the millions. A Bird that has mistaken the reflection it sees on the glass as a clear way forward can be helped to avoid a collision with the many deterrents recommended by the American Bird Conservancy. If you have considered using the ABC Bird Tape or the Feather Friendly ¼ inch dots or the Acopian Birdsaver but are looking for something less visible, take time to look at this newest product. Bird Divert! This is a real game changer. Easy to apply Bird Divert will transform your home into a safe haven for birds, preventing collisions without compromising your view.

Bird Divert is a durable UV absorbing/reflective dot matrix that is optically clear to the human eye but appears black (absorbing) and violet (reflective) to the avian eye. Bird Divert includes solutions for reducing bird collisions at existing buildings, designing a new bird-friendly building, and advocating for bird-friendly building legislation. Developed by National Window Film, Bird Divert™ is the most effective, optically-clear bird marker available in the market today. Bird Divert™ incorporates proprietary UV reflective and absorbing technology and has been recognized by the American Bird Conservancy as the only industry-leading application to achieve a threat level of 18. (ABC’s highest rating) Suitable for commercial and residential application, Bird Divert™ represents a cost-effective solution, barely visible to the human eye, it qualifies commercial buildings for LEED pilot 55 certifications.

Bird Divert comes in a two inch wide DIY tape or a foot wide sheet. To see examples of Bird Divert in use visit their website: www.birddivert.com





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Did you know?

Hummingbirds are only found in South and North America. Some cultures see hummingbirds as messengers from the spirits and their ancestors.