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Surface Treatments

Many exterior surface applications can make glass more visible to birds. Treatment can be permanent (like an etched pattern) or it can be temporary (such as tape or decals). Quantity and spacing matters — multiple markings about 4" apart are recommended.



Dangling Decor

Hanging cords, strings or ribbons in front of your windows can be effective and unobtrusive, even pleasant. Make them yourself or order a product like Acopian BirdSaversTM (above) which are custom-made based on the size of your window(s).

Bear in mind...

Habitat plays a role. Backyard habitat is a valuable gift to wildlife. Just remember the need to protect the birds you attract from the dangers your windows pose.

Outside is best. In general, modifications to your windows are best made to the outside surface where reflections are most prominent.

Activity peaks. Collisions can occur at any window, any time of day and year. Problems peak with bird activity. In some places that's migration; in others it's increased feeder visitors.

You need cues too. Glass is invisible to us as it is to birds. But people understand glass. We need far fewer "cues" to warn us of a glass barrier.

Glass attack. Some birds attack their own reflection repeatedly, usually from the window sill. This is a different problem – territoriality – best subdued using screen, tape, or window film.