

What you can do

There are easy, economical ways to help birds see your windows. Try a few of the suggestions provided below.



Pileated Woodpecker | Laura Erickson



Feeders

One of the simplest things you can do at a picture window is to place a feeder directly on the glass. This brings birds delightfully close – generally too close to cause harm if they are startled. As a rule, feeders very close or quite far from glass are best.

Screens

When building a new home or replacing windows, the best thing you can do is to opt for exterior screens. Screens reduce reflections and create a protective barrier if a bird does fly towards the glass. Decorative mullions (dividers between panes, above) can help too.



Blinds

Light colored interior blinds can help break up exterior reflections. They can also be helpful when you have a see-through effect like a sun porch or glass linkway. If blinds aren't enough to stop collisions, consider an exterior treatment.



For existing windows – you can add exterior screens using a product like “Bird Screen” (left), by making your own screen frames (below), or by otherwise attaching screen or netting outside your windows.

