

Bird Safe Campus @ Georgia Tech

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The Problem



Ovenbird
15 collisions
on campus

- Birds collide with windows, leading to injury and death
- 365 to 988 million bird/building collisions in the US *yearly*
- **Atlanta** is in the top 10 cities for bird collisions

Source: Georgia Audubon

Birds don't understand architecture like humans do

They are unable to perceive that an image is a reflection



Bird's view: a tree!



Our view: window frames and building edges



Our 3 Project Goals

Retrofitting Windows

Deters bird collisions via bird-safe film



Lights Out GT

Prevents disorientation of migrating birds



Georgia Tech Yellow Book

Regulates future construction to have bird-safe glass



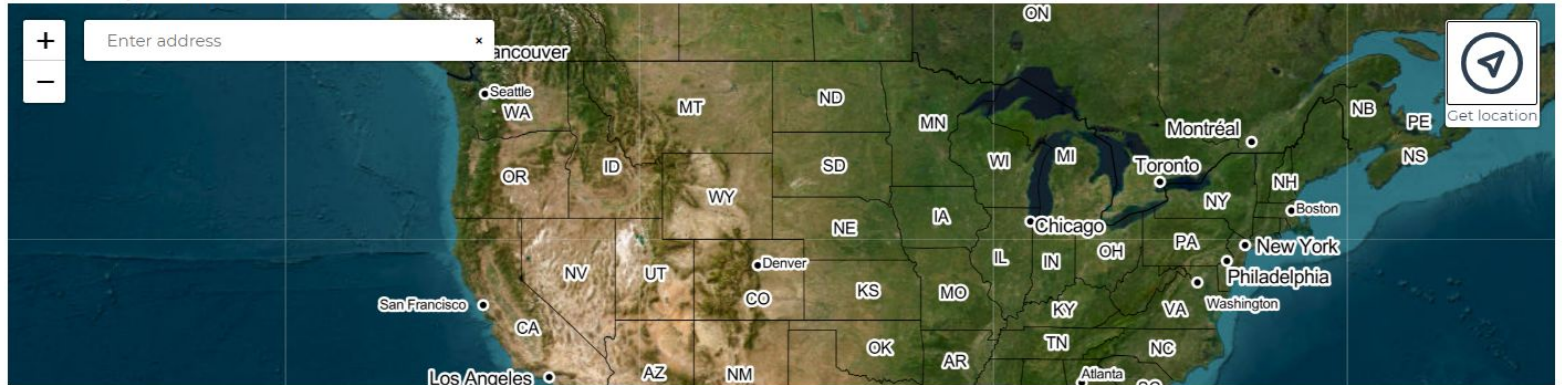
If you find a dead or injured bird, you can make an important contribution to bird mortality research by filing a report here.

In cases of multiple birds, please submit a separate report for each one.

Scroll down to start a report

1. Select location

Where did you find the bird? *



Data Collection



Most Observed Species



Ovenbird
15 observations



Tennessee Warbler
11 observations



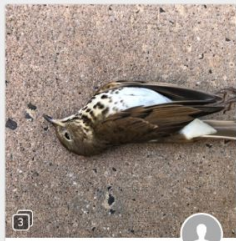
Common Yellowthroat
6 observations



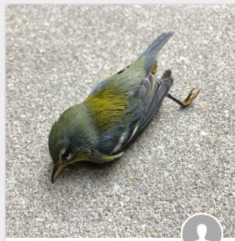
Wood Thrush
6 observations



Swainson's Thrush
5 observations



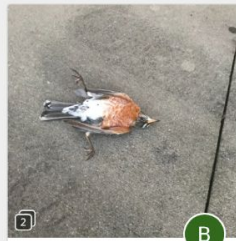
Catharus guttatus
(Hermit Thrush)
Research Grade 1 ★ 1 5mo



Setophaga americana
(Northern Parula)
Research Grade 4 ★ 1 6mo



Vireo griseus
(White-eyed Vireo)
Research Grade 4 2 ★ 1 1y



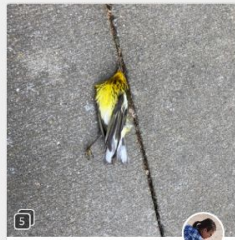
Turdus migratorius
(American Robin)
Research Grade 3 2y



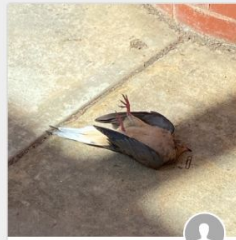
Seiurus aurocapilla
(Ovenbird)
Research Grade 1 6mo



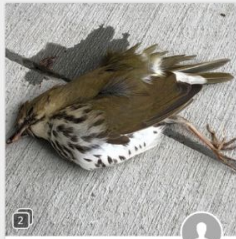
Pheucticus ludovicianus
(Rose-breasted Grosbeak)
Research Grade 2 1y



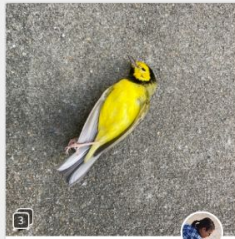
Setophaga tigrina
(Cape May Warbler)
Research Grade 3 1y



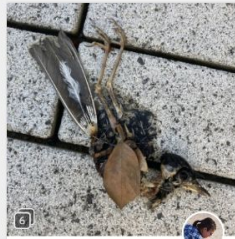
Zenaida macroura
(Mourning Dove)
Research Grade 1 7mo



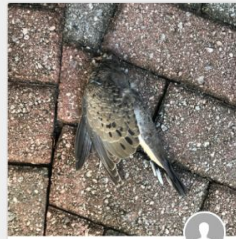
Seiurus aurocapilla
(Ovenbird)
Research Grade 2 2 3y



Setophaga citrina
(Hooded Warbler)
Research Grade 2 4 7mo



Genus *Catharus*
(Brown Thrushes and Nightingale-Thr...)
Research Grade 1 1 6mo



Zenaida macroura
(Mourning Dove)
Research Grade 3 7mo

Flyers posted
around campus



White-breasted Nuthatch
1 collision

PROJECT BIRD SAFE CAMPUS

Our project aims to reduce bird-window collisions on GT's campus thru bio data collection & advocating for installing bird-safe film on GT buildings.

Find a dead or injured bird on campus? Report it to

DBIRD.ORG

Join the GT bird community:
[@gt.birds](https://www.instagram.com/gt.birds) on Instagram



Questions: ktran96@gatech.edu



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IT'S SIMPLE-
JUST ENTER THE
LOCATION, DATE
AND TIME

Reporting bird strikes on Georgia Tech's campus will support the data collection for our bird-safe campus initiative.

Questions?
Contact ktran96@gatech.edu



182 birds reported in 2022

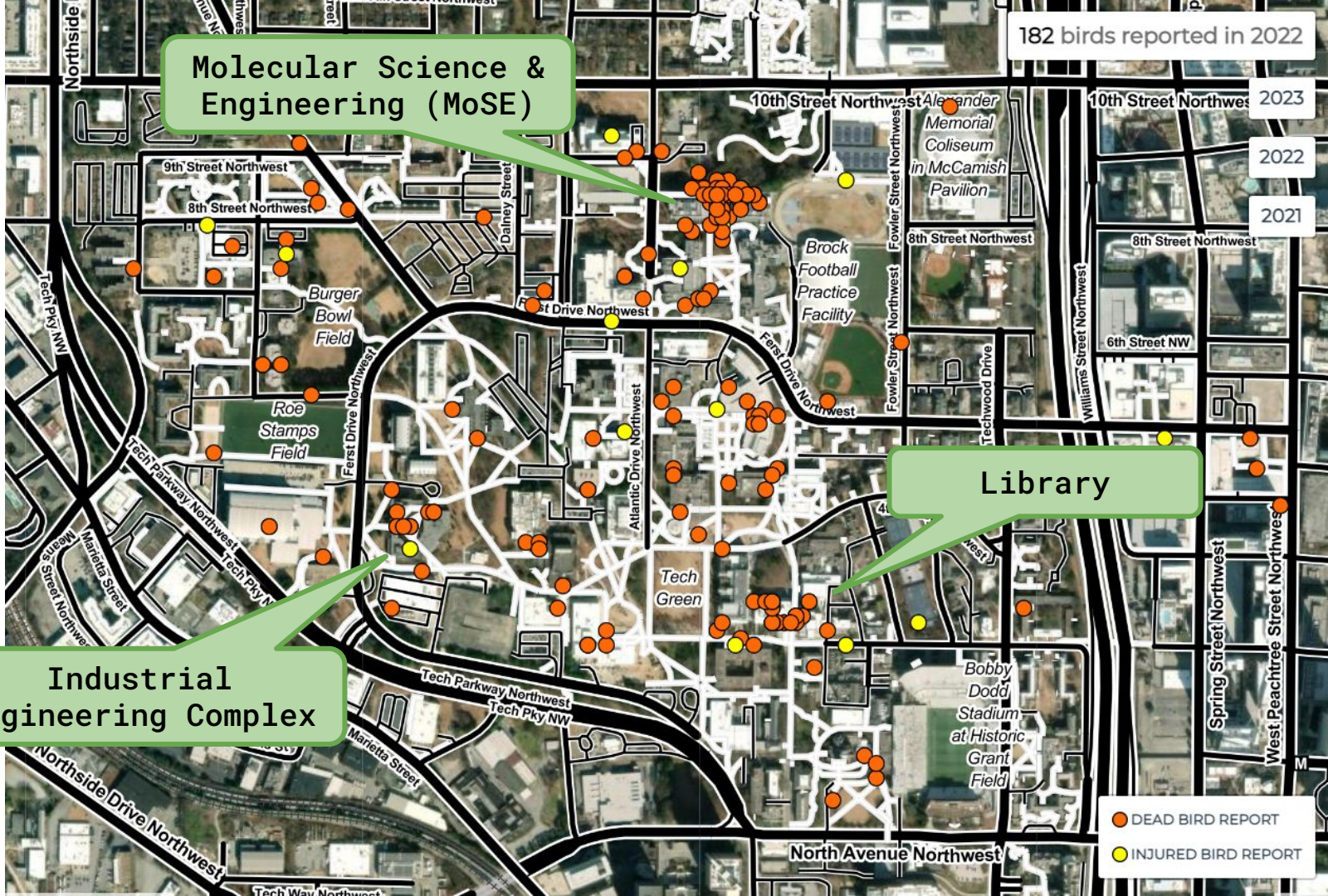
Molecular Science & Engineering (MoSE)

2023
2022
2021

Library

Industrial Engineering Complex

DEAD BIRD REPORT
INJURED BIRD REPORT



Efficacy of Internal vs. External Bird Film

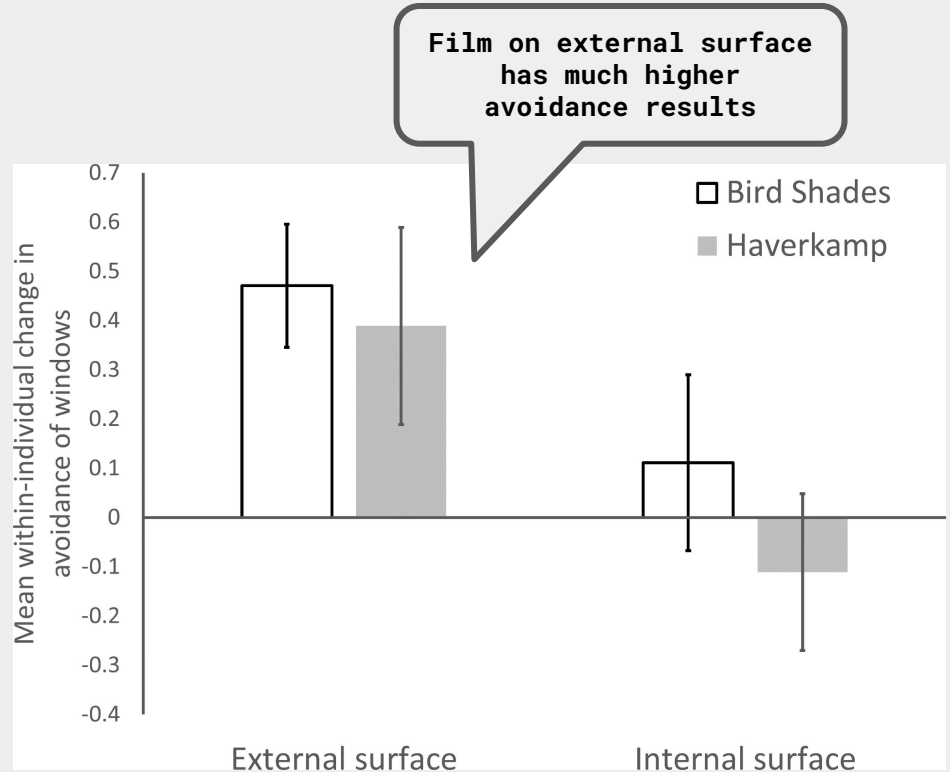
Installing film on the outside surface of glass is the most effective way to prevent bird collisions

*Sources:

Natalia Ocampo-Peñuela, R. Scott Winton, et al. 2016. Patterns of bird-window collisions inform mitigation on a university campus.

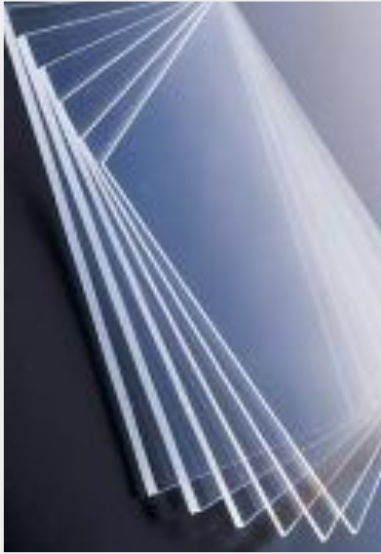
Christine D. Sheppard. 2019. Evaluating the relative effectiveness of patterns on glass as deterrents of bird collisions with glass, *Global Ecology and Conservation*, Volume 20,

Swaddle JP, Brewster B, Schuyler M, Su A. 2023. Window films increase avoidance of collisions by birds but only when applied to external compared with internal surfaces of windows.



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Film options research



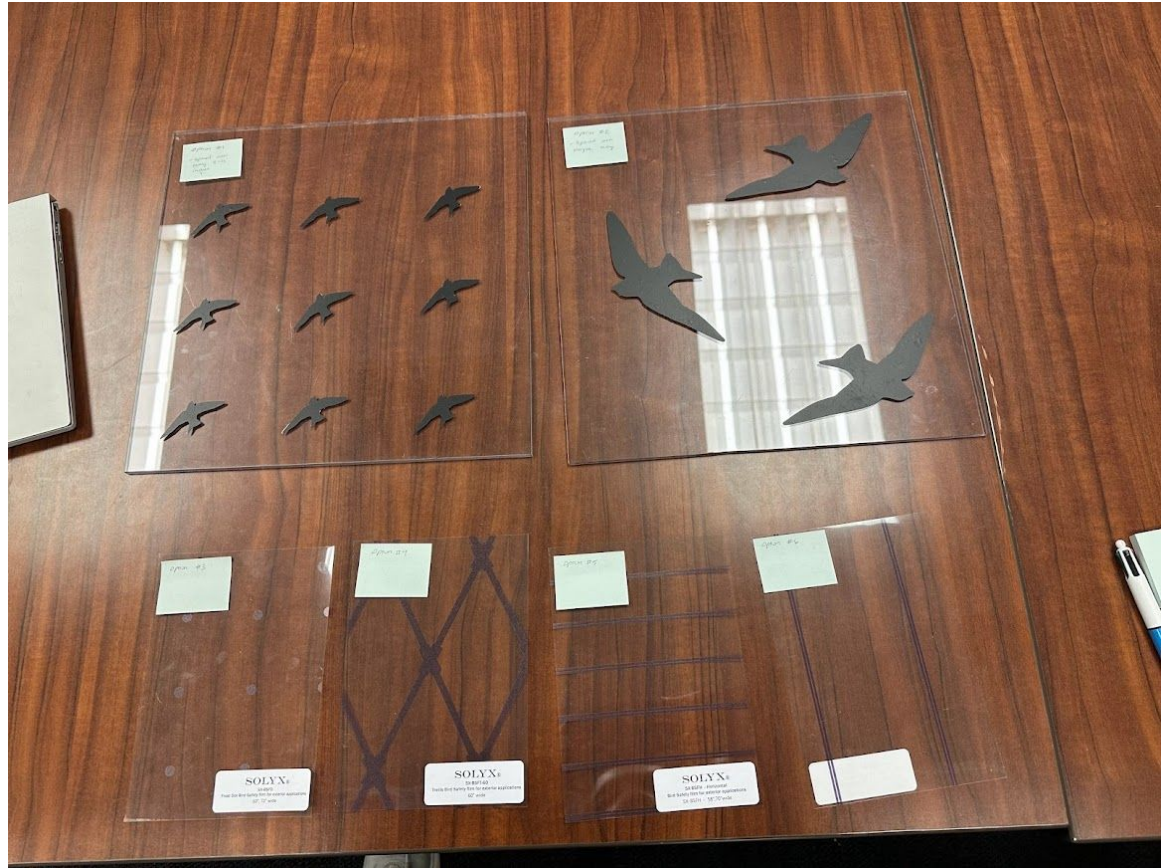
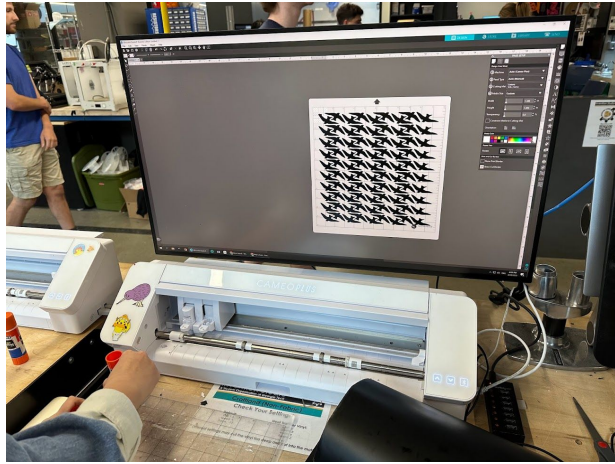
Thin extruded
plexiglass



Outdoor, water-resistant
vinyl adhesive



Polyvinyl chloride
laminate sheets
(non-adhesive)



Vinyl
adhesives
made at
Invention
Studio





Next Steps

ISyE complex pedestrian bridges pilot program

1. Experimental installations of different film types complete by end of Fall 2023 semester
2. Collect data on efficacy of each type
3. Install on other buildings

Thank you!
Any questions?



Mourning Dove
4 collisions



Wood Thrush
8 collisions



Red-shouldered
Hawk
1 collision