

News, Notes, Comments

PROJECT FEEDERWATCH

One of the things **Project FeederWatch** does is count birds killed in window collisions. Project FeederWatch is a joint venture of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and Long Point Bird Observatory. Project coordinator Erica Dunn reported that "nine percent of all Feeder Watchers reported finding one or more window-killed birds..." It was pointed out that "the exact number of birds killed in window strikes...is difficult to determine" because "predators and scavengers remove stunned or dead birds..." It has been estimated that less than one bird per year is killed at FeederWatch homes. But even this small number per feeding station is not acceptable.

Dr. Daniel Klem of Southern Illinois University studied the various devices used to ward off collisions and found that such things as hawk silhouettes, wind socks, one-way films, and screens did not work. "The most effective window guard turned out to be a closely spaced grid of adhesive strips." A less intrusive protection would be "black plastic garden-protection netting mounted on frames installed about a foot away from the window."

Those interested in joining Project FeederWatch for the 1991-92 season, write to Project FeederWatch, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York 14850. Include \$12.00 to help defray expenses.



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BLUEBIRD BOX PREDATOR GUARD

Want to keep predators out of your bluebird boxes? See the proposed guard from Bruce Duncan of the Ontario Bird Banding Association. Seems simple enough; give it a try.

The predator guard illustrated below is made from 1/4" hardware cloth. When folded at the points indicated, it will make a 3-1/2" X 5-1/2" X 5" hollow wire box. Staple to the front of the next box on the flaps marked A and B and bend the wire points away from the hole.

