

Lights Out for Birds Programs in North America

One of the simplest ways to reduce mortality from bird collisions is to eliminate the light pollution that draws night-flying migrants into areas where they will encounter glass. Cities across the continent have programs to turn off un-necessary lights during spring and fall migration. These programs take a variety of forms. Some are voluntary, some mandatory, some based in cities, others in states, some are run by NGOs, others by government and still others by a collaboration of public and private entities.

There are other benefits to Lights Out programs, besides protecting birds, including protecting other types of wildlife, saving energy, reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving human health and simply being able to see the stars. We list a few programs dedicated to these goals at the end of this document.

Program **Lights Out Boston**
Location: Boston
Coordinator Mass Audubon/City of Boston
Contact Christen Smith csmith@massaudubon.org
Website <http://www.cityofboston.gov/EnvironmentalAndEnergy/LightsOutBoston.asp>
 <http://www.massaudubon.org/lightsout/>

Program **Lights Out Baltimore**
Location Baltimore
Coordinator Baltimore Bird Club
Contact Wendy Olsson rwolsson@verizon.net
Website <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeedyar/lightsoutbaltimore/>

Program **Lights Out Charlotte**
Location Charlotte
Coordinator Mecklenburg Audubon
Contact Jill Palmer jpalmer53@earthlink.net
Website <http://meckbirds.org/>

Program **Lights Out Chicago**
Location Chicago
Coordinator Chicago Audubon
Contact Annette Prince aprincebird@msn.com; info@birdmonitors.net
Website <http://www.chicagoaudubon.org/lightsout.shtml>
http://egov.cityofchicago.org/Environment/BirdMigration/sub/lights_out_chicago.html

Program **Safe Skies Colorado**
Location Colorado
Coordinator Denver Audubon
Contact Joe Bartell lesliezeuz1938@yahoo.com
Website <http://www.denveraudubon.org/>

Program **Lights Out Columbus**
Location Columbus
Coordinator Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative
Contact Amanda Conover obcicoordinator@gmail.com
Website <http://www.obcinet.org/home/lightsout.php>

Program **Project Safe Passage Great Lakes**
Location Detroit, Ann Arbor, Jackson
Coordinator Detroit Audubon/Michigan Audubon
Contact Fred Charbonneau jfcharbo@juno.com
Website http://www.detroitaudubon.org/safe_passage.html
http://michiganaudubon.org/environmental_action/initiatives/safe_passage_great_lakes.html

Program **Lights Out DC**
Location District of Columbia
Coordinator City Wildlife
Contact Anne Lewis annelewis@verizon.net
Website <http://www.citywildlife.org/lights%20out.html>

Program **Lights Out Houston**
Location Houston
Coordinator Greater Houston Partnership
Contact Mary Carter mary@blackburncarter.com Judy Boyce jthershey@att.net
Website <http://www.lightssouthouston.com/>

Program **Lights Out Indy**
Location Indianapolis
Coordinator Amos Butler Audubon
Contact Don Gorney dongorney@yahoo.com
Website <http://lightsoutindy.org/>

Program **Wisconsin Night Guardians for Songbirds**
Location Milwaukee
Coordinator Wisconsin Humane Society
Contact Scott Diehl sdiehl@wihumane.org
Website <http://www.wihumane.org/wildlife/wings/birdsafebuildings.aspx>

Program **Bird Safe - Lights Out**
Location Minneapolis, St Paul, Rochester
Coordinator Minnesota Audubon
Contact Joanna Eckles jeckles@audubon.org
Website <http://mn.audubon.org/birds-science-education/birdsafe-lights-out>

Program **State of Minnesota Ordinance**
Location State of Minnesota owned and leased buildings
Coordinator State of Minnesota
Website <https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/laws/?id=101&doctype=Chapter&year=2009&type=0>

Program **Project Safe Flight**
Location Manhattan
Coordinator New York City Audubon
Contact Susan Elbin selbin@audubon.org
Website http://www.nycaudubon.org/projects/safeflight/lightsout_pressrelease.shtml

Program **Lights Out Portland**
Location Portland
Coordinator Portland Audubon
Contact Bob Sallinger bsallinger@audubonportland.org
Website <http://audubonportland.org/issues/metro/bsafe/lo>

Program **Lights Out San Francisco**
Location San Francisco
Coordinator Golden Gate Audubon
Contact Noreen Weeden nweeden@goldengateaudubon.org
Website <http://www.goldengateaudubon.org/conservation/make-the-city-safe-for-wildlife/learn-about-lights-out-san-francisco/>

Program **Lights Out Toronto**
Location Toronto
Coordinator City of Toronto
Contact Michael Mesure FLAP@flap.org
Website <http://www.toronto.ca/lightsout/>

Program **Lights Out Wilmington**
Location Wilmington
Coordinator Delmarva Ornithological Society
Contact Bill Stewart hcf2@EARTHLINK.NET
Website <http://lightsoutwilm.com/index.html>

Program **Lights Out Winston-Salem**
Location Winston-Salem
Coordinator Audubon Society of Forsyth County
Contact Kimberly Brand kimbrand@gmail.com
Website <http://www.forsythaudubon.org/html/Lights%20Out.html>

Other Lights Out Programs

Program **Lights Out Flagstaff**
Location Flagstaff
Coordinator Dark Skies Coalition
Website http://www.flagstaffdarkskies.org/lights_out.htm

Program **International Dark Skies**
Location General
Coordinator International Dark Skies Association
Website <http://www.darksky.org/>

Program	Dark Skies for New York
Location	New York State
Coordinator	Selene-NY
Website	http://selene-ny.org/