



## Paquete de Actividades de Maggie

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### Un Hospital para Pájaros

Una mañana, Maggie escuchó un fuerte "golpe" en su ventana. "¿Qué fue eso?" Ella salió a ver. Había un pequeño pájaro en el suelo. Había golpeado su ventana. Estaba herido ¿Qué debería hacer ella?



"¡Lo sé!" Dijo Maggie. "Hay un hospital para aves silvestres. Lo llevaré allí."

¡Había tantas aves en el hospital de aves! La gente allí cuidaba de las aves. Les dieron medicina. Les tomaron radiografías. Les arreglaron las alas rotas. ¡Era como un verdadero hospital!

Cuando Maggie llegó con su pájaro, la gente escribió lo que había sucedido. Dijeron que el pájaro se había lastimado la cabeza. Ellos lo ayudarían a mejorar.

"¿Te lo vas a quedar?" Preguntó Maggie. "Oh, no", dijo la mujer. "Las aves silvestres no son mascotas. Necesitan estar en la naturaleza. Cuando esté mejor, lo vamos a liberar. ¿Te gustaría ayudar?"

"¡Oh, sí!", Dijo Maggie. Maggie estaba feliz. ¡Había rescatado un pájaro! ¡Ella iba a ayudarlo a volar libre de nuevo!

**ACTIVIDAD:**

A veces las ventanas se ven como espejos. Reflejan el cielo y los árboles. ¡Los pájaros piensan que pueden volar allí! Puedes ayudar a que las ventanas sean seguras para las aves. Colorea y recorta el ave de abajo. Obtén ayuda de tu maestro para ponerlo en la ventana. ¡Esto rompe el reflejo de la ventana y le dice a los pájaros que vuelan a otros lugares!



## TEACHER GUIDE

### Activity At-A-Glance:

As they make their spring journeys north, migrating birds face many challenges. Traveling over hundreds or thousands of miles, they need natural “stopover” habitats with ample shelter and food where they can rest and refuel. Traveling through neighborhoods, towns, and cities, these spots may be scarce. In addition to natural predators, birds are also at risk from domestic cats and dogs, car collisions, and power lines. One of the biggest threats to migrating birds is all around us, and it is literally invisible: glass windows. One 2014 study found that window collisions may claim the lives of up to a billion wild birds each year. Reflective windows just look like more sky and trees to wild birds; they don’t see these deadly barriers as solid surfaces.

The good news is that there are many things that you and your students can do to help wild birds in their journeys. This week’s activity pack focuses on just that, encouraging young students to develop empathy for wild birds and take action to help them by making windows safer. You can assist by learning more about how to make windows “bird safe” at your school and enlisting your students to design “bird savers”—decals, window murals, and other devices to prevent window collisions for spring migrants. See our resource link below for more information.

### Standards:

- Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS):
  - K-ESS3.C Human Impacts on Earth Systems [DCI]
  - 1-ESS1.A The Universe and its Stars [DCI] (see “Take it Outdoors”)
- Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for ELA:
  - RI Key Ideas and Details
- National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS):
  - III People, Places & Environments (h)

### Take it Outdoors:

Make your school safe for birds by surveying windows and decorating them with “bird savers.”

Materials: Decorated bird cutouts (see activity above) or tempera paint and brushes/sponges.

Take your students outside to do a window survey. Count how many windows are at your school. Which ones are like shiny mirrors? Which ones let them see inside? If possible, take students out several times throughout the day to see how their answers may change depending on the time of day, how the sun appears to move across the sky, and the changing angle of the sunlight. Encourage them to think about which windows might be most dangerous to wild birds.

With permission and assistance from your school administration and facilities personnel, decorate those windows with laminated bird cut outs, or allow students to design and paint bird murals on the windows with tempera paint. (Tempera paint is long-lasting, but washes off easily with water.) Note: Your “bird savers” will be more effective if they are on the OUTSIDE of the windows to break up the reflections, but they may be applied inside if windows are not accessible. Please put student safety first.

### Reference:

Sheppard, C., and Lenz, B. (March 6, 2019). Birds flying into windows? Truths about birds & glass collisions from ABC Experts. American Bird Conservancy. Retrieved from <https://abcbirds.org/blog/truth-about-birds-and-glass-collisions>

### Resource:

For more information about how to make windows safe for birds, visit American Bird Conservancy: <https://abcbirds.org/get-involved/bird-smart-glass/>