**For the Birds**

**Bird Friendly Tips!**

1. **PREVENT BIRD-WINDOW COLLISIONS** by covering windows in ribbons or markers no more than 5 cm apart on the outside glass surface, close curtains when you are not home, and move feeders to within 1 metre of windows.

2. **GARDEN FOR WILDLIFE!** Create backyard or balcony habitats by planting native plants, trees, flowers and shrubs. Create DIY bird-friendly projects from used or recycled materials, like the adjacent photo of the recycled mesh and used plate repurposed into a bird feeder. Build bird feeders, nest boxes and water features for birds, and increase viewing opportunities for you too.

3. **BIRD BATHS** are important for birds living in urban areas, where, generally less surface is covered by water. Birds, like all living things, need water to survive. Some species, like this Anna’s hummingbird prefer a shower to a bath, so find creative ways to add a recirculating-water shower to your DIY bird bath to attract more bird species.

4. **AVOID USING PESTICIDES AND CHEMICALS** on your lawn and in your gardens! It’s healthier for you and birds. Use only natural fertilizers and pest controls.

5. **KILL THE LIGHTS – SAVE THE BIRDS!** Artificial light at night can disorient migrating birds and other animals. So close the curtains, turn off as many lights as possible, and keep outdoor lights on timers or motion-activated sensors.

6. **KEEP YOUR CAT INDOORS**, in an outdoor enclosed play area, or train it to walk on a leash. This will keep your cat safe from predators and vehicles, and help to prevent cats from killing billions of birds worldwide every year.