

# HELP SAVE BIRDS THIS SPRING

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## LIGHTS OUT NEW YORK AT MIDNIGHT DURING SPRING MIGRATION

This spring marks the second season of *Lights Out NY*, a program successfully initiated in fall 2005 by NYC Audubon, the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, the New York City Department of Buildings, Buildings Owners' and Managers' Association, Associated Builders and Owners, and the Real Estate Board of New York. This initiative encourages owners and managers of tall buildings to turn off lights, thus helping save night migrating birds while reducing energy costs. By turning off lights and drawing the blinds, building owners and all New Yorkers can help many birds from over 100 species.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP SAVE BIRDS THIS SPRING:

FROM APRIL 1 TO MAY 31

#### **Tall buildings** (40 stories or more):

- Turn off exterior decorative lighting on the upper stories by midnight and leave lights off until daylight.
- On foggy or rainy nights, because of the increased chance of major collisions, it is recommended that lights should be turned off even before midnight.
- Tenants on the upper floors are encouraged to turn out lights or draw blinds by midnight.

#### **Low buildings** (with extensive glass exteriors along Hudson River and East River):

- Turn off exterior lighting by midnight and leave lights off until daylight.
- Turn off interior lighting or draw blinds by midnight.

#### ***Added bonus – Energy Savings!***

For a building with 2.5 million square feet of floor space, turning off the lights after midnight would conserve more than 750,000 kilowatts and save approximately \$120,000 this spring.

### RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES

Buildings taking part in this initiative will be included on NYC Audubon's website and in subsequent press releases.

**To register for *Lights Out NY* visit NYC Audubon at [www.nycaudubon.org](http://www.nycaudubon.org)**

For more information, contact Yigal Gelb at NYC Audubon at 212-691-7483.

To find out what other cities are doing, visit **Toronto** at [www.flap.org/new/diurnalfr.htm](http://www.flap.org/new/diurnalfr.htm) and **Chicago** at [www.lightsout.audubon.org](http://www.lightsout.audubon.org)



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