

# About Bird Conservation



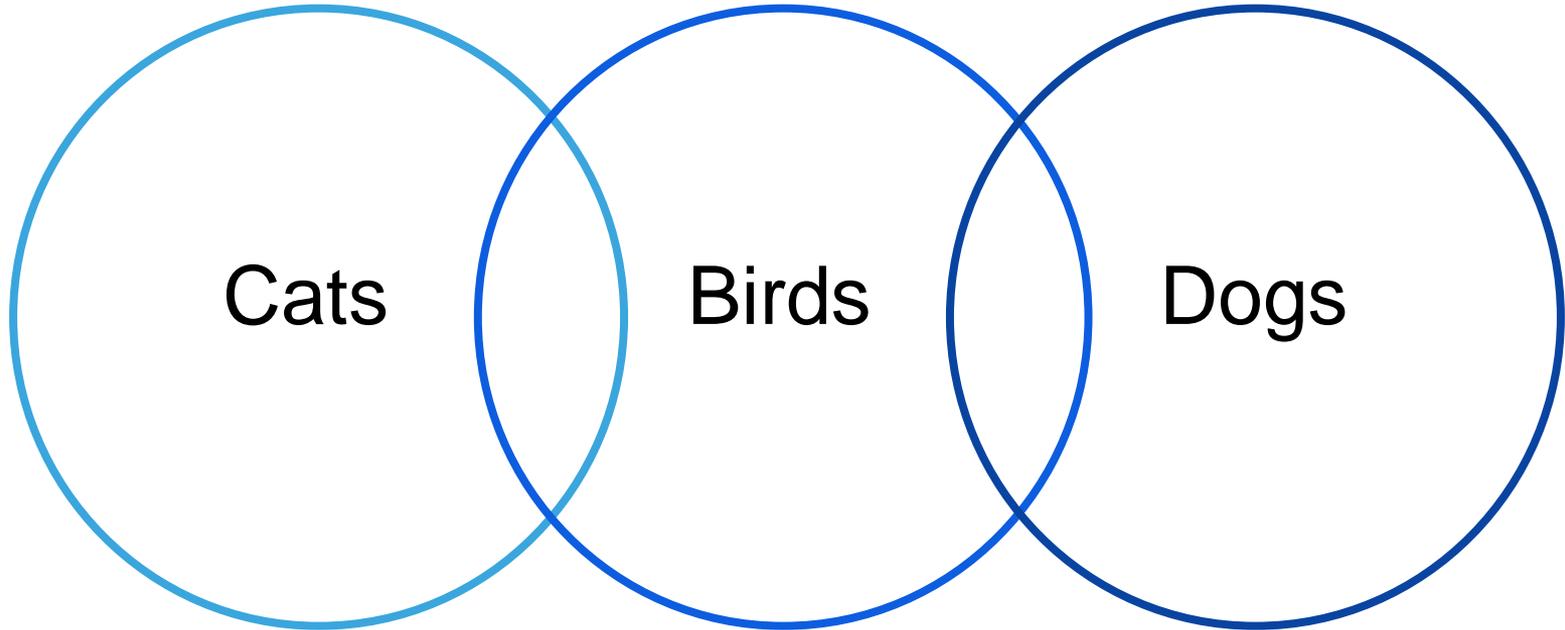
## How Pets Affect Birds

# Bird Awareness

In 2013, Environment Canada determined that human activities directly or indirectly cause about 269 million bird deaths in Canada each year

Our coordinated brochure and PowerPoint series addresses common bird conservation issues and suggests ways that you can help. There are simple changes that you can make to help save birds.

What are the problems?



# Cats

A 2013 study by Blancher estimates 100-300 million birds/year are killed by cats in Canada.



# Catios

Enclosed or elevated outdoor spaces can provide safety and variety for your pet.



# Examples of Hazards from Cats

Aspects of your yard to be aware of:

- Local bird migration times
- Placement of bird feeders and bird baths
- Nests on your property
- Peak bird activity times



# Cat Hazard Solutions



- Do not let cats out during high bird-activity times
- Be aware of local bird migrations
- Place bird feeders and bird baths 10-12 feet from areas that cats frequent

# If Your Cat Must Go Outdoors



[Cat bibs](#)



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# Dogs

Dogs chasing birds can be damaging or lethal to the birds, as fleeing uses up limited energy.



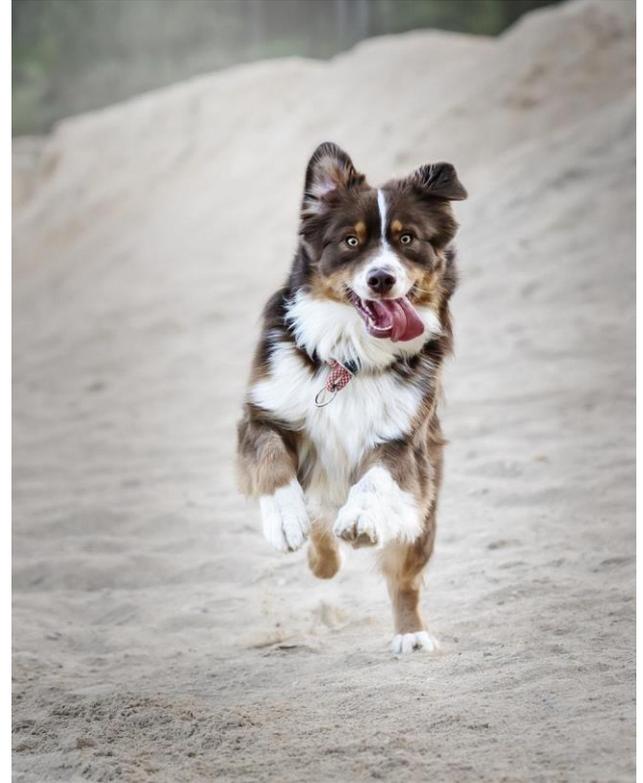
# Examples of Hazards From Dogs

- Untrained dogs can be unpredictable.
- Walking dogs in non-designated areas can be harmful to wildlife.



# Dog Hazard Solutions

- Leashed in specified areas
- Being aware of off-leash areas
- Notifying others of nests to prevent pet disruption
- Letting animals out outside of the main feeding hours of birds



## Other PowerPointPoints in this series



**Creating a  
Bird-  
Friendly  
Home**

**Outdoor  
Recreation  
with Birds**

**Ethical  
Consumerism  
& Birds**

**Bird-  
Friendly  
Gardening**

# About Rocky Point Bird Observatory



Rocky Point Bird Observatory has been monitoring bird populations on southern Vancouver Island since 1994. A member of the Canadian Migration Monitoring Network, RPBO relies on support from volunteers, members, and donors to fill its mandate of conservation through monitoring, research, and public education.

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