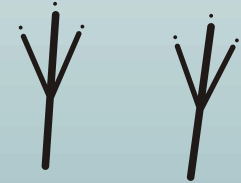


# Things You Should Know About Birds



Sparrows, starlings and pigeons are the most common bird species that come into conflict with people. Their nests and droppings can cause significant odour, damage and human health concerns.

## Property Damage

Birds will nest just about anywhere that can provide shelter, including roof vents, wall vents, chimneys, soffit and roofs.

**FACT: Sparrows, starlings and pigeons do not make neat nests. They tend to be quite messy and can extend over several feet in a vent or chimney pipe. This poses a serious fire hazard.**

Bird droppings can cause permanent damage to building materials and automobiles if left unattended.

**FACT: Bird droppings are acidic and will eat into painted surfaces.**

## Health Risks

Birds often gravitate to warm nest sites like chimneys, vents and attics.

**FACT: Nests in chimneys and vents can block the proper exhausting of carbon monoxide and moisture. This can cause carbon monoxide build-up and mould, both highly hazardous.**

Mites, ticks and fleas are commonly found in birds' nests. Inhaling bird feces can cause an incurable disease known as histoplasmosis, characterized by constant flu-like symptoms.

**FACT: The very young, very old and those with impaired immune systems are at greatest risk for severe illness from histoplasmosis.**

## How to Find Them

Home and business owners will hear, see or smell the birds in the building. Birds are more noticeable when building nests or caring for their young.

**FACT: Most sparrows and starlings lay 6-7 eggs twice per year. Pigeons can lay 2-4 eggs all year round. One or two young usually die in the nest.**

Telltale visual signs of bird entry points are broken vents, bird droppings and protruding sticks and leaves.

**FACT: Sparrows can fit through an opening the size of a golf ball.**

## How to Remove Them

Simply fixing the vent does not work. They will either re-enter or continue to feed their young through the vent.

**FACT: The most effective method is to remove all the birds and nesting material and completely seal all potential entry points.**

Leaving the birds' nest in the vent, chimney or roof is not recommended.

**FACT: The bacteria and parasites in the nest as well as baby bird carcasses will cause severe odour and potential health problems.**



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# Services Provided by Humane Wildlife Control

## Location & Assessment

Our trained technicians will locate the birds' entry points and describe or show them to you.

We will then assess the best method of removal depending on where they are located.

## Effective Removal

We will humanely remove the birds as well as all of the nesting material. If older babies are present, they will be able to fly away.

If younger babies cannot fly, we may install a baby box near the previous nest, allowing them to mature and fly away or relocate to alternate nesting sites.

## Guaranteed Exclusion

Our wildlife technicians will seal all the potential openings in your building with heavy gauge wire screening and/or clear silicone caulking.

**All materials used to exclude birds  
are of the highest quality and  
are guaranteed for at least three years.  
Wall vent screens are guaranteed for ten years.**

## Why the Humane Approach is Better

Our wildlife technicians are specially trained to remove birds and their nests as well as prevent undue stress or injury to them. This is also a practical and economical approach. Inhumane killing and the use of pesticides for bird control is illegal.

Removing breeding birds leaves the babies to die in your building, attracting parasites and causing further health risks. The removal of bird carcasses is a time consuming, costly and unnecessary process. Our focus on education and prevention makes us a leader in the wildlife control industry.



Nesting material in  
wall vent



Nest and babies in  
dryer vent - fire hazard



Bird droppings on  
roof vent



Screening and baby box  
Note: wall vent screens  
have 10 year guarantee



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