

# Beak Speak

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## Upcoming Events

National Safety  
Council Expo  
October 26-28  
Orlando Conv.  
Center

## Did you know?

- \* PG&E continues to use Fog Force in its nuisance bird control program.
- \* Flock Fighters participated in major fogging campaigns across America expelling different species of birds for many different types of sites. Contact us for more information.
- \* Flock Fighters USA will be celebrating its 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year!
- \* Flock Fighters USA has fogged more birds than any other applicator in America!
- \* Flock Fighters USA carries all the equipment needed for successful aerosol bird aversion.

## The Foul Product of Winter Fowl

The change in weather affects birds just like it affects people. For those in temperate zones, colder weather is a director for birds. Their needs for water, food reserves and warm roosts are intensified by the cold and drive them toward urban and industrial sites.

**Finding a reliable food source is the primary need for birds.** Many locations - landfills, wastes sites, dumpsters and even home garbage cans - are principal feed sources. Home bird feeders meant to feed native birds also sustain less desirable birds. Most birds also need daily sources of water; decorative fountains, storm water/sewer flows and retention ponds provide for these species. Car washes and snow melts from roofs and parking lots can sustain colonies of winter birds in urbanized areas.

**Another key driver for all birds in the winter is, of course, heat.** Sites that are generating heat draw birds, particularly for night time roosting. Not only do heat exchangers on roofs provide ideal roosting areas, but asphalt roofs/parking areas absorb sunshine that can create a 10° difference (or more) from the air

temperature.

**Why is this important to you?** Weather-directed behaviors are an important study for those who are affected by nuisance birds or for wildlife professionals charged to provide solutions to bird impacts. Many species of birds exhibit gregarious behavior in winter time. They assemble nightly in family, clans or "tribal" groups, and in the case of black birds can create "nations" of millions of individuals.

Winter roosting birds produce **one major negative consequence** that disgusts everyone: Manure accumulations. This filth can create health issues, both allergenic and pathogenic; safety concerns due to slick footing; corrosion; and maintenance, clean-up and repair costs.

Because of the longer nights in winter, the birds deposit the majority of the manure in the roosts. In the case of Pigeons, this can mean the ten birds on the ledge or a roof can drop 10-15 lbs a week. 100 starlings in a roost drop 400 lbs a month. Many large roosts receive tons of manure over the winter.

## BIRD WATCH: Natives vs. Exotics

Currently, five species of common birds are declared as "exotics". Not native to North America, they have established themselves as permanent residents. Pigeons, Starlings, English Sparrows, Muscovy Ducks and Monk Parakeets all produce negative consequences to man-made sites and these harmful effects are intensified by winter cold.

Many native species create issues as well. Most notably are the non-migratory Canada geese, mallards and several species of sea gulls. Due to open water features and available food, they cannot subsist on their summer territories. Crows and Ravens also have found accommodations that allow more northerly winter roosts. Most natives migrate south

(which impacts southern sites), but a number of species have adapted to man-made environments and either persist through the winter, or find it unnecessary to fly all the way to the deep south, unless a severe cold snap arrives.



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## Goose Season is Coming!

Now is the time geese will flock to sites around the country.  
**NOW IS THE TIME** to begin planning your bird-aversion strategy! Contact us today and we will help keep you goose-free, efficiently and effectively!

## !! RejeX-it Fog Force® Approved by New York !!

**RejeX-It Fog Force®**, the nation's only aerosol bird repellent, has recently been approved for use in New York.

Fog Force is a bird repellent that may be used indoors and out to repel all types of birds, including starlings, blackbirds, gulls, Canada geese and any other bird that has become a nuisance or a health hazard in an area. **Fog Force is benign to the environment and leaves no residue.**

Fog Force is very efficient. Because Fog Force is applied in a fog instead of a spray, the amount of repellent applied is greatly reduced over other control methods. Also, Fog Force is more convenient than other methods. It offers control at much lower costs than exclusion methods and the bird reacts with each application; birds do not become immune as they do with noise or visual tools. With most species, expulsion can be gained with 5-7 days of repeated applications.

In 49 other states, Fog Force® has been used on tens of thousands of locations to move countless numbers of nuisance birds, safely and with no mortality. Now, any site in New York can be made bird free: apartments, warehouses, factories, roof tops, docks and piers can all be swept free of birds, no matter the species.

Flock Fighters USA has earned its reputation as "The Nation's Leader in Chemical Bird Aversion". Throughout America, we have provided the tools, training and services to solve nuisance bird issues at diverse sites and structures. No one has fogged more birds than Flock Fighters USA.

To learn more about the science and the effective technologies used to deliver this product, check out our web site, [www.flockfighters.com](http://www.flockfighters.com), then call or e-mail us to find out how we can partner with you in finding the right solution to your bird problem.

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