



SAN FRANCISCO  
**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**  
**BIRD-SAFE BUILDINGS**

## MONITORING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

### BACKGROUND

In 2011, San Francisco's Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance requiring development projects to address and provide treatments for potential bird hazards. This was the first such ordinance in the country, and its passage was greatly supported by the Golden Gate Audubon Society. In the last three years, other cities have looked to San Francisco as a model and have begun to pass similar ordinances of their own.

The Bird-Safe Standards are triggered during new construction, additions, and major window replacements, but the Planning Department would also like to encourage bird-friendly practices at homes and workplaces not in the development pipeline. It is with this goal in mind, that the Department is launching a Bird-Friendly Monitoring and Certification Program.

### BECOMING A CERTIFIED BIRD-FRIENDLY BUILDING

*(Available to buildings in the green shaded areas on the map to the right)*

- Buildings developed after 2011 and were required to comply with Standards automatically qualify
- Existing buildings qualify when they treat at least 75% of windows with large amounts of glazing (individual panes >24 sq. ft.)
- All buildings must also agree to a monitoring effort

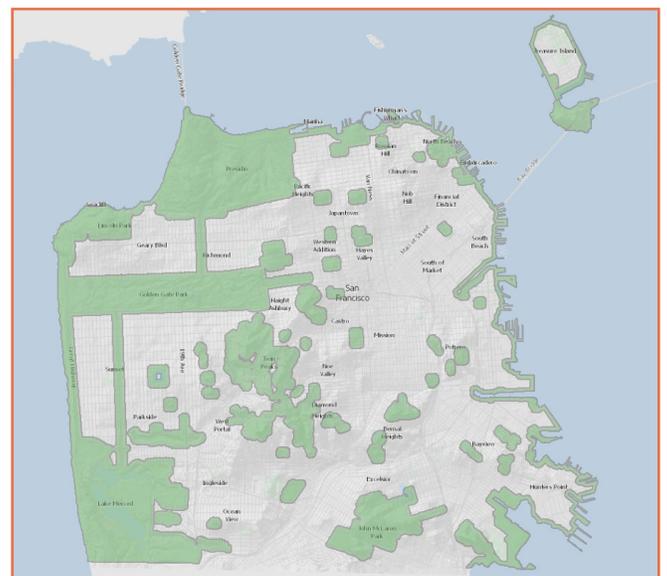
### BECOMING A CERTIFIED BIRD-FRIENDLY RESIDENT

*(Available citywide, regardless of location)*

- Participants must agree to a monitoring effort

### WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE

- Entry into the annual Bird-Friendly Building Raffle!
- Certified Bird-Friendly Building/Resident stickers
- Non-residential Certified Bird-Friendly Buildings may be eligible to receive a plaque
- Residential buildings may be eligible for an audit to identify potential hazards and treatment options on site, as well as financial support to help the building achieve the 75% threshold described above



**IF YOU LIVE IN A GREEN AREA  
ABOVE, WE WOULD ESPECIALLY  
LIKE TO TALK TO YOU!**

### MONITORING EFFORTS

- Involves a weekly search for dead and injured birds around the perimeter of the building and underneath accessible windows, during migration season (Spring: Feb. 15 - May 30, Fall: Aug. 15 - Nov. 30)
- Online submittal of *easy-to-collect* monitoring data through the Planning Department website

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