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### 5 Things You and Your Kids Can do to Help Birds this Summer

Did you know that birds don't just sing beautiful songs, they play a crucial role in our ecosystem by controlling pests, pollinating plants, and even spreading seeds? And you can give back to our feathered friends with fun activities with your kids! **Here are the top 5 things kids can do to help save the birds with your kids!**

#### Plant some Plants to Create a Bird-Friendly Garden

After your plants grow, it can transform your backyard into a paradise for birds. It may take a while, but include native plants that provide food and shelter, such as berry bushes and nectar-rich flowers. Keep a clean birdbath where they can drink and bathe. Bird-friendly gardens attract a variety of species and give them a safe place to live and thrive, or just take a break while migrating.

#### Make Homemade Bird Feeders

Making bird feeders is a fun project that also helps our bird friends. You can use simple materials like seeds, nuts, oats, dried meal worms, even peanut butter if you clean it regularly. Hang these feeders in your garden to provide birds with a reliable food source.

#### Set Up Birdhouses

Birdhouses offer birds a safe place to rest and nest. You can find many affordable birdhouses online to build, or make your own birdhouse. Have fun painting it with your kids! Birdhouses can also protect birds from predators and harsh weather.

#### Participate in Bird-Watching and Citizen Science Projects

Learn about local bird species through bird-watching. Bring along binoculars and a bird book, like my new book [Backyard Birds of North America](#) to identify different kinds species in your area. You can also join citizen science projects like the Great Backyard Bird Count, where you record the birds you see and submit the data to help scientists track bird populations. It's a great way to contribute to bird conservation efforts.

#### Reduce Window Collisions

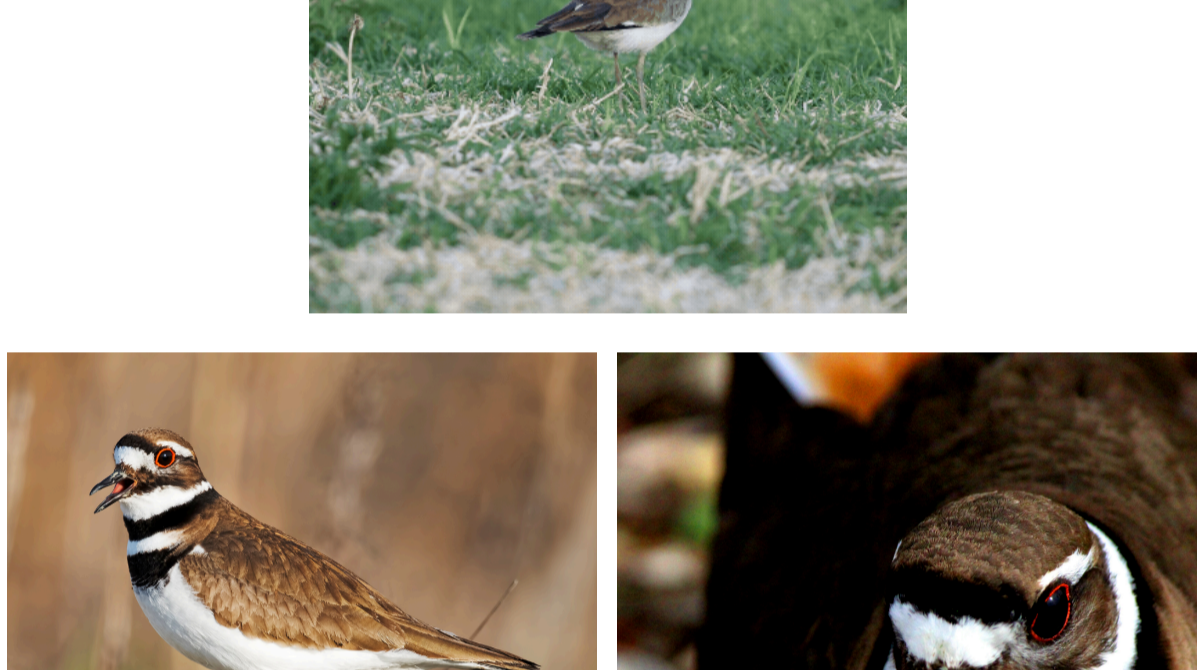
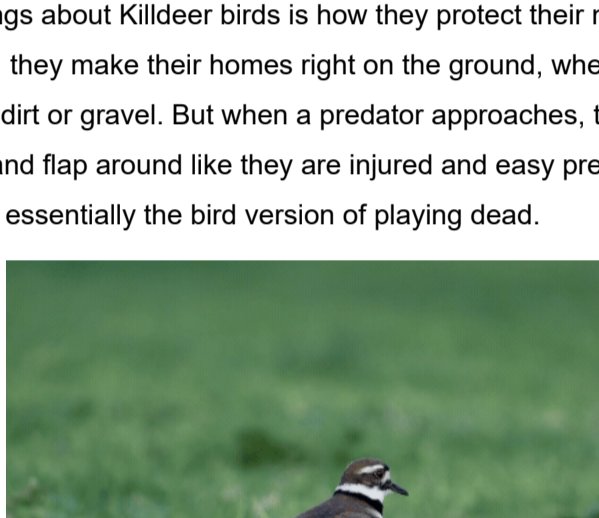
Millions of birds die each year from colliding with windows. Help make windows safer by placing flashy bird tape on the outside of large windows to make them more visible. You can also keep shades or blinds partially closed. Placing bird feeders near windows also helps reduce collision risks.

By taking any one of these simple steps, you and your kids can make a huge difference in the lives of birds. Let's work together to create a safe and welcoming world for our feathered friends this summer!

### Meet the Bird of the Week, the Killdeer

Today, let's flap our wings into the world of the fascinating Killdeer bird. These amazing birds might not be as colorful as parrots or as big as eagles, but they have beautiful stripes and some pretty cool tricks up their feathers!

One of the coolest things about Killdeer birds is how they protect their nests. Instead of building nests in trees, they make their homes right on the ground, where they lay their eggs in a shallow scrape of dirt or gravel. But when a predator approaches, these birds actually pretend to be injured and flap around like they are injured and easy prey to draw attention away from their nests, essentially the bird version of playing dead.



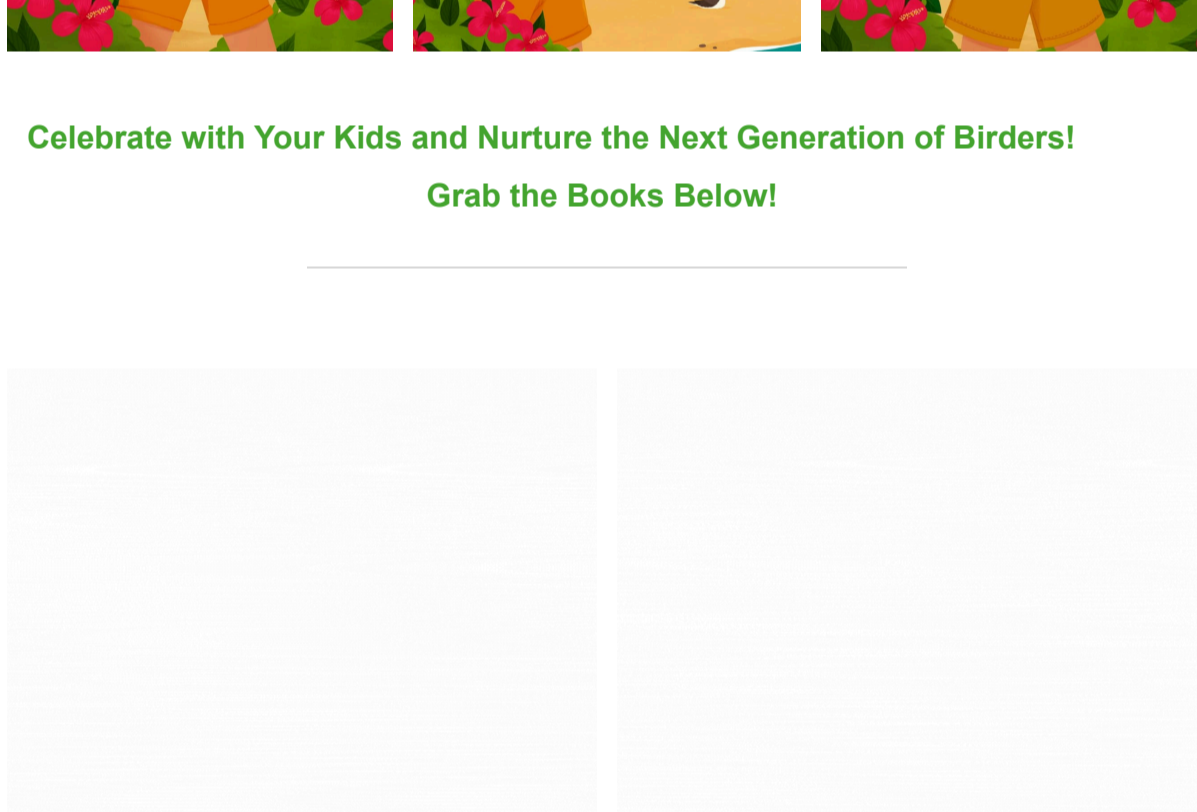
### Your Kids Can Soon Join Melusine in Hawaii!

My next children's book is deep in the works, and your children will discover more birds, these from the unique islands of Hawaii. There are cover designs in the works. Do you have a favorite cover design?



### Celebrate with Your Kids and Nurture the Next Generation of Birders!

[Grab the Books Below!](#)



#### Grab the Melusine collection

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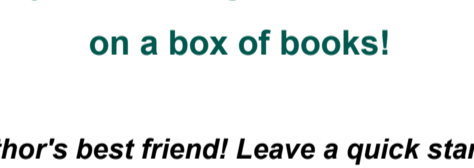
#### Join the Celebration of Birds!

Nature and or bird stores, as well as schools, get a discount!

Contact me directly by responding to this email for more information on a box of books!

Reviews are an author's best friend! Leave a quick star rating on [Amazon!](#)

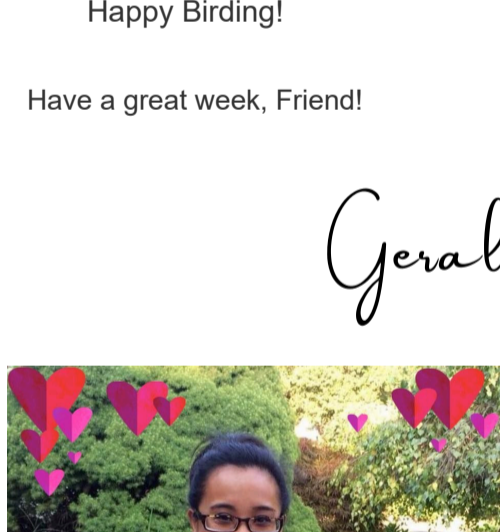
Check out the Melusine Book Trailer! Your Kids Can Have a fun Birding Adventure Too!



Happy Birding!

Have a great week, Friend!

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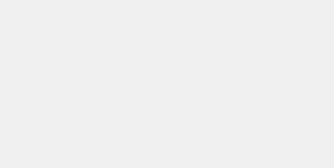
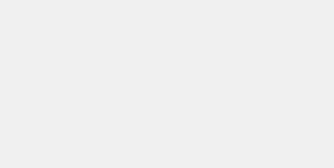


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