

# How to Protect Birds from Cats

While it is impossible to keep cats from killing birds entirely, there are some steps you can take to minimise the damage.

- Keep feeders and bird baths a minimum of 6ft from vegetation or other cover that can conceal a stalking cat.
- Thorny bushes will repel cats and there are lovely native varieties such as Hawthorn and Spindle.
- Nest boxes should be positioned at least 8ft off the ground.
- Metal poles supporting feeders will prevent a cat from climbing,
- Try putting a collar with a bell on your cat.
- An indoor cat can be a happy cat, but if your pet is used to going outside, consider an enclosed space with some enrichment.
- If the above won't work for your pet, do not let them out when wildlife is busiest; early morning and dusk.

